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The crime scene on Fishermead Boulevard

Mother pays tribute to her gunned-down son

BY KIRSTEN RAWLINS
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A MOTHER has paid tribute to her 'big-hearted' son who was shot dead on a city housing estate.

Mohamed Abdi Farah, 19, was shot in the head in an alleyway on Fishermead on Thursday night.

His friend, Amin Ahmed Ismail, 18, was also shot in the head twice and died just over 15 hours later in Milton Keynes Hospital.

Two men, aged 21 and 33, and a boy, 13, all from the Bletchley area, were arrested in connection with the incident and have since been bailed pending further inquiries.

Thames Valley Police said the victims were known to them over low-level criminal activity, but detectives have ruled out the killings being gang-related.

The emergency services were called by a local resident who claimed to have heard three gun shots at about 10pm.

Dead: Mohamed Abdi Farah

Dead: Amin Ahmed Ismail

Witness accounts allege the two teens were seen lying in the alleyway, one slumped over another.

As news of the shootings spread on Friday, dozens of people from the local Somalian community, including stunned family and friends, turned out in force to show their support and pay their respects.

Mohamed's mother, Fatima, said the teenager was well-loved in the community.

She said: "Mohamed helped everyone, he had a big heart. All the local community have visited me to talk about him. Everyone loved him. Losing your son is like losing your heart."

Mohamed, who wanted to be a lawyer, attended Lord Grey School in Bletchley and completed his first year of sixth form at Stantonbury Campus before going to stay with his dad and granddad in Somalia.

He had been living in Birmingham with his mother since returning from the country four weeks ago and had been visiting family in Fishermead when he was shot dead just metres from his uncle's home in Tolcarne Avenue.

His second uncle Sharimaarke Mohamed said: "You just wouldn't expect it - his family originally moved from the war-torn country of Somalia and you wouldn't think that in a city like Milton Keynes your children would die."

His family said that it was while he was in Somalia that he met Amin, who was based in London.

In a tribute released at the weekend Amin's family said: "Amin had a good personality and was very, very kind. Being the only brother he always looked after his sisters and used to tell us he would look after the whole family. He will be missed very much.

"Amin was educated at Southall College and Henley College in Coventry. He enjoyed studying maths and science, which were the subjects he was particularly good at. Amin was good at education and wanted to achieve a degree and a masters so that he could help look after his mum and sisters."

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Christine Downey padlocks her new bike at The Hub. Thefts of bicycles hit 26 in the CMK area during April

Security call after rise in bike thefts

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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A SHARP rise in the number of bicycle thefts has led to one victim calling for better security.

In April there were 26 thefts from the Central Milton Keynes and Campbell Park areas, compared to 14 in February and March and just five in January.

One cyclist, Christine Downey, had her bike stolen from a rack outside her workplace in The Hub on May 12 and said one of her colleagues had theirs taken on Thursday.

This is after five other people in her office at ICAW also told her their bikes had been stolen since the start of the year.

Mrs Downey, 53, from Bradville, said: "I left it there in the morning, tied it up with a lock, but came back to it at lunchtime and it had gone.

"They are scum. They couldn't give a damn about how upsetting it is to other people and the disruption it causes them.

"People are encouraged to walk or cycle to work but they are not given more secure facilities to park their bikes.

"If the city centre had bike lock ups, such as at the central railway station, more people would cycle to work."

Inspector Helen Corbett, from Thames Valley Police's City Centre neighbourhood team, said: "There are three main things that we recommended for cyclists to reduce their chances of having their bikes stolen.

"Firstly, they should ensure that they leave their bikes in a designated bike park, and there are several of these parks in the city centre. Secondly, they should invest in a quality padlock and, finally, we always advise people to get their cycles security marked. This costs £4.50 and a member of the neighbourhood team will carry this out for anyone who is interested."

Anyone who would like to get their bike security marked should e-mail emily.kent@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk.

Mother campaigns to stop smokers sparking up near hospital baby unit

A MOTHER is campaigning to stop smokers lighting up beneath the hospital's neo-natal unit.

Tanya Wetter has set up a Facebook campaign 'Stop Smoking Outside Milton Keynes Hospital' in the hope of enforcing the smoking ban directly outside the main doors.

When smokers spark up in this area, the smoke drifts upwards and into the neo-natal unit which cares for sick babies.

On her Facebook campaign page, Ms Wetter writes: "The main aim is not to alienate smokers but to bring awareness to the designated smoking areas and to request people move the extra few metres to these areas. Moving away from the building means the windows can be opened to allow patients to get some fresh air into the ward."

Although there is a sign telling people smoking is banned in the area, it would seem few take notice.

A hospital spokesman said: "For babies in the neo-natal unit, inhaling cigarette smoke poses a very real danger.

"All we ask is that if you want to smoke, that you please move away from the building first.

"We are working with patient groups and the PCT to see what else we can do to tackle this problem."

Youth Offending Team above national average

AN INSPECTION of the city's Youth Offending Team has found it is performing above the national average.

The latest report of youth offending work was published today by HM Inspectorate of Probation and it found the team in Milton Keynes is doing well but does still have room for improvement.

The work being done by the Youth Offending Team to protect young people is being done 'well enough' 78 per cent of the time – ten per cent higher than the national average.

The report also highlights work to protect others was being done 'well enough' 69 per cent of the time, six per cent above the national average, and work to prevent reoffending 71 per cent of the time, compared to 70 per cent nationally.

Julie Fox, assistant chief inspector, said: "Overall, we consider this a creditable set of findings. However, there is scope for improving management oversight as well as the timeliness and quality of reviews of assessments and plans."

Somali community stunned after two 'brutal' shootings

BY KIRSTEN RAWLINS
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THE 'brutal' shooting of two teenagers has shocked the local community.

The MK Somalian Woman Association says the deaths of Mohamed Abdi Farah, 19, and Amin Ahmed Ismail, 18, have left many in the 10,000-strong community stunned and it is now working to get counselling for those who have been most affected.

Treasurer Abshire Hizere said: "There's a lot of grief among the Somali community. The majority of people within the city have been very supportive, and have been e-mailing our forums expressing their condolences - people we've never even met. It would seem the city is mourning with us.

"It's a big shock to everyone - brutal killings like these just don't happen in Milton Keynes.

"A lot of people knew Mohamed and I am trying to get counselling for those who need it."

The friends were both shot in the head in an alleyway on Fishermead Boulevard, Milton Keynes, on Thursday.

On Bank Holiday Monday police released CCTV footage of them leaving the Xscape in Central Milton Keynes at about 9.30pm, just 30 minutes before they were killed, in the hope that witnesses will come forward. The pair were wearing orange hooded tops and Mohamed wore a dark fisherman's style hat (log onto www.mk-news.co.uk to see the images).

Councillor Isabella Fraser, who is a member of the Milton Keynes Equality Council, said it is now working alongside the Somali community to offer help and support.

She said: It's a very sad event and it's very sad for the Somali community."

"There's a lot of concern, but the main upset is due to a lack of cultural understanding. They don't understand that evidence has to be gathered and why the body was kept as long as it was."

Top: A mother takes her children to school as police guard the scene of the killings in Fishermead Boulevard

Above: Police at the scene of the shooting

Crimestoppers offers £5,000 for information on the killings

A CRIME-FIGHTING charity is offering a reward of up to £5,000 for details about the 'heinous crime'.

Crimestoppers has put up the reward in exchange for crucial information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for the double shooting.

Dave Cording, deputy chief executive for Crimestoppers, said: "To help solve this heinous crime, a reward of up to £5,000 is being offered to anyone who can supply us with information leading to the arrest and conviction of the persons responsible for this crime."

Although three people were arrested on Friday and have been released on bail pending further police inquires, Detective Superintendent Rob Mason, who is leading the investigation, is still urging anyone with information to come forward.

Detective Superintendent Rob Mason speaks at a press conference on Friday

He added: "Although we have made a number of arrests, I am keen to stress that we are still in the very early stages of the investigation. I would continue to urge anyone with information about the incident to contact police urgently."

Anyone with information about the incident is urged to call Thames Valley Police on 0845 8 505 505. Alternatively they can contact Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111, or www.crimestoppers-uk.org.

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Voting counts – it can make a difference

SIR – I would like to thank Paul Williams for his letter to MK NEWS (May 25) and endorse the main point in it – namely the importance of voting in local elections because you can make a difference as elections can be that close.

I was fortunate enough to win by two votes. I am very grateful to everyone who did vote for me and I commiserate with Paul as it must be hard losing by such a small margin.

The lesson for everyone, whichever side you support, is that individuals really can influence the outcome in a democracy.

I will represent people in Oldbrook, Fishermead, Springfield, Woolstone and CMK on Milton Keynes Council for the next four years. I will strive to do so at least as effectively as I have for the past 18.

Although I won in Campbell Park ward, results elsewhere mean that the Liberal Democrat administration of nine years is at an end and I am now an opposition councillor.

I do think that we achieved a huge amount for Milton Keynes and that history will show that the council's Liberal Democrat administration did a good job and played a significant contribution to the development of the city.

Cec Tallack
Rycroft, Furzton

Unbalanced council ignoring females

SIR – Your story about the new council cabinet being all Tory is not such a surprise given the results of the recent election.

The disappointment is the fact they are all so similar in profile.

With the exception of former mayor Debbie Brock they all appear to be middle aged men.

I would have hoped that from all the other councillors there would be a choice of talented and competent individuals to fill these roles.

Why is there not more balance in the make-up of this group which is now going to be making decisions about our future?

Of course we principally need the most competent people to act in these positions, but we also need a balanced group that reflects the whole of our community – half of whom are female.

Is there really only one woman in the Tory group able to act at cabinet level?

Paul Day
Newport Pagnell

Tricks to help you sleep

SIR – Regarding the article 'PCT warns about the importance of sleep', which appeared on your website on Sunday.

I've suffered from poor sleep my entire life. My mother always mentions how, as a baby, I would never nap but my sisters loved to.

Now in my adult life I struggle with keeping a healthy, daily routine to ensure I get adequate sleep. Along my journey to find peaceful slumber, I have learned many useful tricks, as well as weeded out the useless ones.

There's a great e-book you can download called Get To Sleep Now! at http://instantlyfallasleep.com that lists many helpful techniques as well as things to avoid.

Many people live fast and stimulating lives, but few of us take the time to unwind before bed.

Stimulating activities you want to avoid before bed are TV, reading, working, computer, stress/fights and certain foods.

The book will always suggest what is beneficial to do before bed, like writing, or talking.

Reese Richards
Sent by e-mail

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SIR – My wife and I became foster carers 12 years ago after our own two children had left home.

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Foster Care Fortnight, which finished on Sunday, has just raised the profile of fostering but new foster carers are needed all year round.

I would urge anyone who has ever thought about fostering to get in touch with their local fostering service today, or visit www.couldyoufoster.org.uk, or call Fosterline on 0800 040 7675 to find out more.

Eric Mole
Sent by e-mail

Goalposts are moved on pension age proposals

SIR – People aged 56 or 57 (or indeed younger) are going to be hit hard by the Government's plan to speed up increases to the State Pension Age (SPA).

The SPA was scheduled to increase to 65 for women by 2020 and to 66 for both men and women by 2026.

Now the coalition government wants the SPA for women to be 65 by 2018 and 66 for both men and women by 2020.

This will particularly affect women born after April 6, 1953 and men born after December 6, 1953.

Women, who have already seen their state pension age moved from 60 to 63 or 64, now face waiting up to two years extra for their hard-earned pension, the unluckiest losing more than £10,000.

Men will have to wait up to an extra year, with most losing more than £5,000.

The Pensions Bill that will make these changes will be debated in the House of Commons in the next few weeks.

You can find out how you are affected and sign a petition against the changes at www.usdaw.org.uk.

Please also contact your MP and ask them to oppose these changes which will make thousands of hard-working people wait even longer for their state pension.

You can call your MP at the House of Commons on 0207 219 3000 or e-mail them from http://findyourmp.parliament.uk/

John Hannett
General Secretary of Usdaw

Villagers inspiring

SIR – I would like to applaud the people of Sherington who are working together to create their own shop, as featured in MK NEWS on May 25.

The only shop in the village has shut along with the post office and a pub could well be on the way to being turned into a residential property, so it warms the heart to see a community join together in this manner to try and make things better for themselves.

It is of course a shame that it has come to this but it is inspiring that the people of a village are tackling their problems head on.

All of the profits made will be pumped back into the local area and nearby producers will also be supported, so it will be a great initiative for many parties, but £55,000 will need to be raised.

I hope as many people as possible will get involved and help raise the cash as this type of thing would be a breath of fresh air.

These days our High Streets are dominated by the same few shops so to see something with the local community truly at its heart would be fabulous.

I wish them every success in their efforts.

Name and address supplied

City status bid flogging a dead horse

SIR – So the city status bid is rearing its ugly head again.

Why do we keep flogging this dead horse? We knew from the outset that this is a lost cause, just as it was on the previous two occasions that Milton Keynes applied.

And it seems to me the reason is obvious – Milton Keynes is just not perceived to be 'old' enough to be considered a city.

When you look at some of the places we are going up against - Reading, Ipswich, Swindon, even Luton - can anyone really say we have a chance?

Milton Keynes is the 'new kid on the block'. Okay, so the towns and villages that Milton Keynes was built on have all had their part to play in the history of the country (Wolverton's train yards and Newport Pagnell's Tickford bridge), but MK as a whole can only claim 40 years of 'history'.

Or at least, that is the perception of those who reside outside of MK, and therein lies our problem.

Imagine the consternation of those living in Reading when they hear a place that has only been around for 40 years has beaten them to being named a city.

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Sarah Marlin and Debbie Minney in ATS uniform as part of a re-enactment at the opening of The Tunny Gallery

Code-cracker's machine goes on display

A RECONSTRUCTION of the famous Tunny machine has been built for a new gallery now open at Bletchley Park.

The Tunny Gallery, in the National Museum of Computing, shows the entire wartime code-breaking process and recognises the remarkable achievements of the men and women who contributed to the process in the 1940s.

The centrepiece of the gallery is the fully functioning rebuilt Tunny machine, that produced the final decrypts of enciphered communications of the German High Command.

Meanwhile, the museum, once a top secret institution where all photography was banned, is now welcoming the world's photographers to take part in its Picture Bletchley Park photographic competition.

The board of judges includes Kate Day, communities editor for Telegraph.co.uk, and Damien Demolder, editor of the magazine Amateur Photographer.

The 12 winners will feature in Bletchley Park's official 2012 calendar. For more information, visit www.bparkcomp.org.uk.

■ For a special report on The Tunny Gallery and one of Bletchley Park's other new exhibits, see next week's MK NEWS.

Counterfeit phone chargers a fire risk

BY KIRSTEN RAWLINS
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FAKE phone chargers being sold in Milton Keynes are putting people's lives at risk, according to the boss of Trading Standards.

Karen Ford, head of Trading Standards at Milton Keynes Council, has warned counterfeit smart phone chargers being sold in the city are prone to overheating, could pose a potential fire risk and have also been known to cause electric shocks.

Miss Ford said: "There are counterfeit smart phones being sold and early indications are that the chargers could be dangerous to your health, so be very careful if offered a phone in the street or your local pub as you could be putting your life at risk.

"The major concern is in relation to the chargers. There have been many cases where chargers have caused electric shocks, plus they have been overheating and linked to risk of fire.

"The phones themselves will not have been tested for electromagnetic compatibility either. If you are offered a mobile phone for sale, make sure it comes from a trader you can go back to if things go wrong. Also, it would be safer to get a phone with its original packaging so you know that you are not handling stolen goods and there are details of any warranties available."

Mobiles which have not been tested for electromagnetic compatibility can have a variety of problems, such as noise interference during calls.

These tests also help prevent mobile phones from causing other devices to malfunction, such as sensitive machinery used in hospitals.

■ Anyone who has concerns should call Consumer Direct on 08454 04 05 06.

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GBH conspiracy plea

THE fifth man arrested in connection with the murder of city teenager Adil Basharat has pleaded not guilty to conspiracy to cause grievous bodily harm.

Billy Billingham, 19, from Bradville, appeared at Northampton Crown Court on Thursday and is now due to go on trial at the same court on July 18.

Stab killed pub landlord

HANSLOPE pub landlord Jaime Ball died of a stab wound to the chest, a cause of death hearing was told on Thursday.

Bernardo Durantes, 35, of Hanslope, has denied murdering Mr Ball at the Globe Inn, Hanslope, on December 28 and is due to go on trial at Luton Crown Court on September 5.

Cabinet confirmed

THE new Conservative cabinet at Milton Keynes Council was confirmed at a meeting last Tuesday.

Led by Councillor Andrew Geary, the seven-strong decision-making cabinet includes former mayor Debbie Brock and deputy leader David Hopkins, as revealed in last week's paper.

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Probe into city scam dentists

THE city's primary care trust (PCT) is looking into complaints that some dentists are selling NHS treatments privately.

The scheme, known as 'gaming' or 'cross selling', means NHS patients are told treatments such as root canals, which are available on the NHS, must be done privately.

The PCT has confirmed it has received five complaints from patients with regards to cross-selling.

Dr Bola Soyombo, chairman of the Milton Keynes Local Dental Committee, said: "This is one of the things which we are addressing, although the majority of dentists are delivering excellent care."

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Eliana Amato won the MK edition of Channel 4's Come Dine With Me – now her recipes are in print

TV cook's recipes appear in show book

A CONTESTANT from the city version of a popular TV cookery programme has had her recipes featured in the show's book.

In 2009 Eliana Amato, from Great Linford, won the Milton Keynes edition of Channel 4's Come Dine With Me, in which contestants each host a dinner party and score the others, with the winner getting £1,000.

Eliana seized the prize by using her Italian influences to cook basil tagliatelle with salmon and prawns, medallions of beef with wild mushrooms, green beans and Italian-style potatoes and muscato jelly with seasonal fruit and hazelnut tart.

And not only did she win the money, but she also found out her food was to be featured in the show's new recipe book.

She said: "When I received the parcel with the book in I just screamed.

"There are celebrities in there and when I opened it I found out my recipes were the second ones in."

Plans for CCTV at 'takeaway corner'

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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A TROUBLE hotspot could soon be covered by CCTV if funding is found.

The junction of Wolverton Road and High Street in Stony Stratford, commonly known as takeaway corner, becomes busy at peak times of the day and late at night due to the number of fast food establishments.

The junction has previously been monitored by police mobile CCTV over the Christmas and new year periods, but now the Stony Stratford Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG) is making the case for the area to be permanently covered by a camera.

Denise Brunning, chairman of the NAG, said: "I believe it's an investment in the community, to make it a safer place.

Action group wants CCTV at 'takeaway corner' at the junction of Wolverton Road and High Street in Stony Stratford

"I really do believe in it – it's good for the community and people's wellbeing."

Last year, the NAG delivered 5,000 leaflets to homes in Stony Stratford and nearby Fullers Slade and Galley Hill to find out what residents' main concerns were.

The group found antisocial behaviour was a main issue, along with parking and littering. From further analysis, the group discovered the main problem area was 'takeaway corner'.

Mrs Brunning said the NAG has done a lot of work and research into possible solutions.

She added: "CCTV seemed a good fit. It's not just about visibility and safety, it's to make people feel safer and take away their concerns.

"I'm not saying it's the answer, but looking at all the analysis I've done I do believe it's the right thing to do."

She is now applying to Stony Stratford Town Council for £11,900, which will buy a camera for ten years.

■ What do you think? Is CCTV the right solution for the town? E-mail adam.grinsell@mk-news.co.uk or call 01908 689582.

Tributes paid to house fire victim

THE inquest into the death of fire victim David Grace was opened on Thursday.

Mr Grace, 38, was killed in a blaze at his home in Shearmans, Fullers Slade, on May 20 and initial post-mortem reports reveal he died from burns.

This week, people who knew the father-of-two have been getting in touch with MK NEWS to pay tribute to him.

Maureen Booth knew Mr Grace when they were neighbours at his previous home in Kingsfold, Bradville. She said: "He was a lovely person, he would do anything for you and was always smiling.

"He would pop by and say 'are we having a brew then?'.

"I just can't understand what's happened, he and his family were very happy together and always very good to me and mine."

Those who knew him said he was very good with cars and would often be seen tinkering with one, or helping a friend out with theirs when there was a problem.

Steven Callow, one of his neighbours in Shearmans, described him as a family man. "He was a nice bloke," he said, "and my thoughts are with his family."

A full inquest into Mr Grace's death is due to take place at the Civic Offices, Central Milton Keynes, on September 6.

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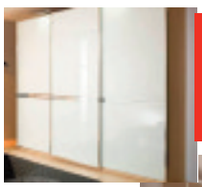

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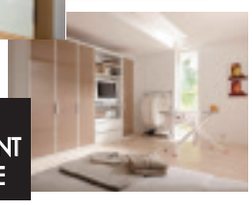

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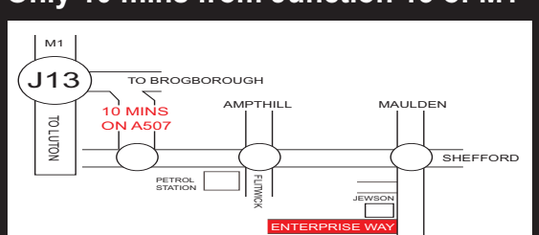

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Complaints prompt a look at landlords

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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A RISE in the number of complaints against landlords in the city could lead to an accreditation scheme being introduced.

In the 12 months until March, there was a 72 per cent increase in the number of complaints lodged against Milton Keynes landlords to housing charity Shelter.

Problems included dampness and disrepair, harassment by private landlords and unfair or unexpected rent rises.

The charity also said the number of households privately renting countrywide has now hit 3.4million, a 40 per cent rise over the past five years, due to what it calls 'a chronic shortage of social housing and millions being priced out of the housing market'.

In light of this, the Labour group will move a motion at Tuesday's council meeting that, if passed, will mean the cabinet will consider implementing a new accreditation scheme for private landlords.

Cllr Reg Edwards, who will make the motion, said: "All people who live in private properties want is a roof over their heads and the same service as council or housing association tenants.

"But you get good landlords and rogue landlords.

"Until they start thinking about building more council homes, then this needs looking at."

To be accredited, landlords would need to do things such as update their gas certificates and enter tenancy deposit schemes.

However, the new cabinet member for housing, Cllr Peter Geary, said a lot more research needs to be done before anything can be implemented.

He said: "I'm happy to look into it to see if it would be effective, how much it would cost and how it would operate."

Scrutiny committee chairmen elected

CHAIRMEN for Milton Keynes Council's scrutiny committees have been elected.

At a full council meeting last Wednesday, Cllr Nigel Long, ward member for Denbigh, was elected chairman of the health and social care services scrutiny committee and Cllr Brian White, ward councillor for Stantonbury, was re-elected chairman of the audit committee. Cllr Reg Edwards, for Eaton Manor, will carry on leading the budget review group.

Woughton councillor Steve Coventry was re-elected chairman of housing and community safety.

Cllr Douglas McCall, ward councillor for Newport Pagnell South, was elected chairman of the overview and scrutiny management committee and Cllr Robin Bradburn, ward councillor for Bradwell, was elected chairman for children and young people.

Campbell Park's Cllr Isobel McCall was elected chairman of the economic development and enterprise select committee, while Cllr Tamagnini-Barbosa, ward councillor for Walton Park, will lead the partnerships and growth select committee.

Finally, Cllr Cec Tallack was elected chairman of the executive scrutiny panel.

Mayor's charity wants to be better known

MK SNAP has said it is honoured to be chosen as one of the new mayor's charities – but feels more people need to know about its work.

The charity offers work, foundation training and life skills to individuals aged 16-plus who have physical and learning difficulties, including those recovering from a stroke or brain injury, wheelchair users and people diagnosed with autism, epilepsy or Down's syndrome.

Debra King, MK SNAP's marketing and facilities manager, said: "It is particularly gratifying to know we have the support of our mayor Cllr Alan Richards, we look forward to working with him and we all wish him a very successful year."

But she added there are many with special needs in the city who are not on a register or known to social services who they would like to help.

As a result, MK SNAP is holding an open day at its office in Bourton Low, Walnut Tree, on Wednesday, June 15 from 10am to 6pm to show parents and carers what it can offer. For more information, visit www.mksnap.org.

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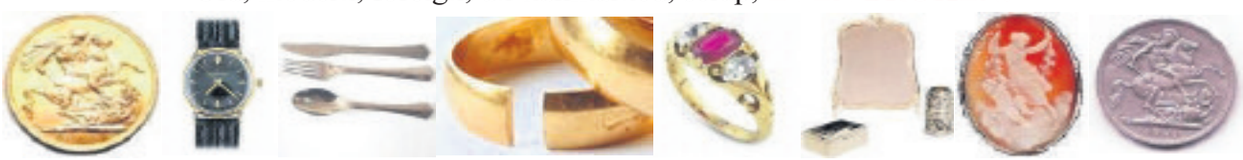

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Having worked with Thames Valley Police for the last nine years, 16-year-old Titan will now be taking a six-month respite at The Horse Trust's sanctuary in Speen, Buckinghamshire.

Seminar will set out city's sporting vision

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AMBITIOUS plans to promote Milton Keynes as an international sporting city are to be discussed at a major seminar.

Key figures from the worlds of sport, business and politics have been asked along to the invitation-only event to explore how the idea can be driven forward.

It is hoped that top class athletes will be attracted to the city's facilities and that top international and national events will be held.

Mass participation events for the wider community are also planned, with the ultimate aim of boosting the local economy and making Milton Keynes a more attractive and healthier place to live, work and play.

Paul Sanders, MK Council's assistant director for leisure, learning and culture, has sent out a number of invitations and the authority's chief executive David Hill will chair the seminar.

A large number of the city's sporting venues are part of the vision, including stadiummk, the National Badminton Centre and Planet Ice.

Mr Sanders said: "The international sporting city builds upon the great local partnerships that were established to underpin the football World Cup bid, but now we are looking at more sports and at more locations across Milton Keynes.

"It is an important consultation event that will help shape the future of sport and recreation in the city."

Views and expertise offered by those in attendance at the seminar, which will take place on June 13 at the Doubletree Hotel, will be taken on board by a steering group to help shape the future direction of the plans.

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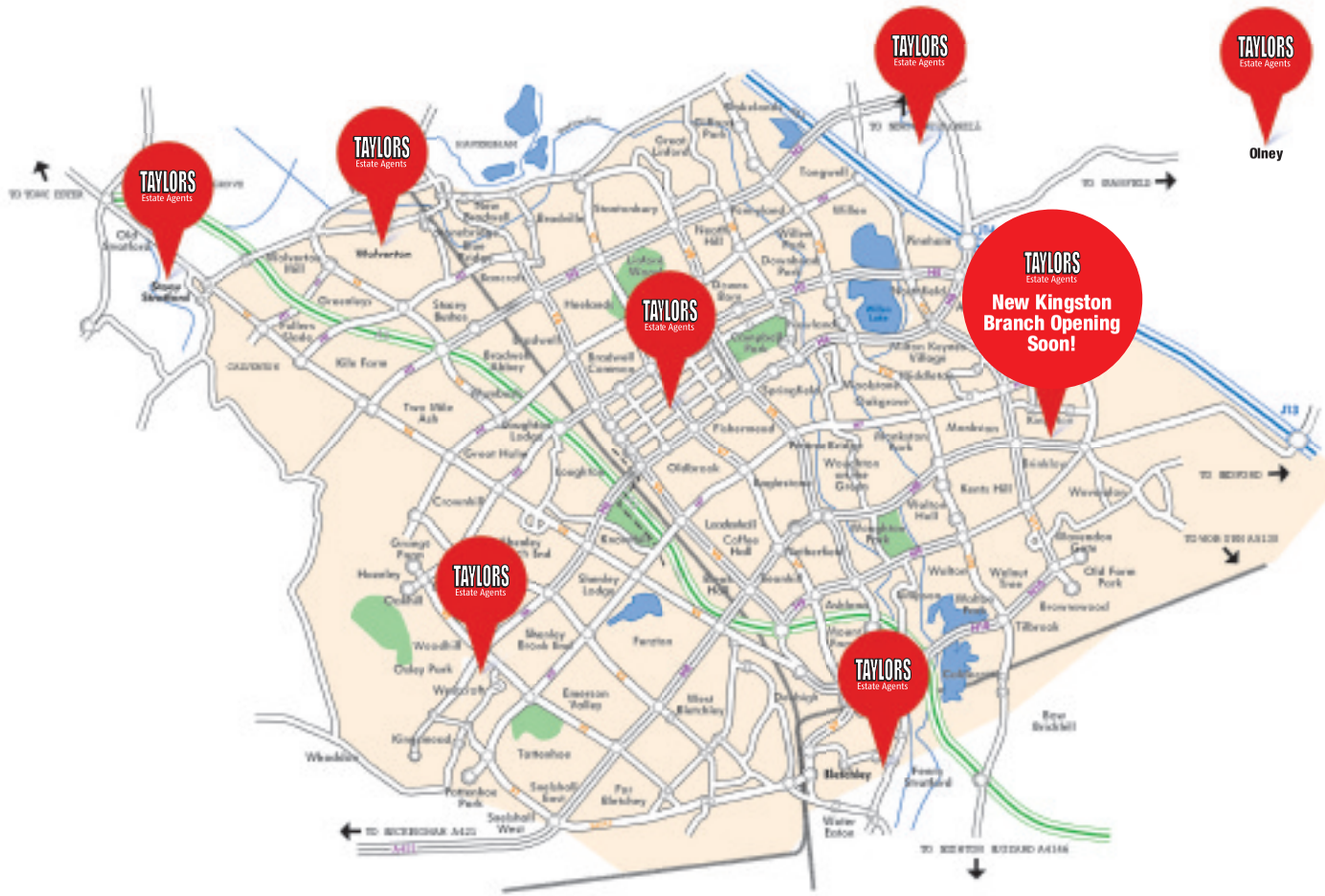

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Bins are overflowing at outdoor 'hotspots'

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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LITTERBUGS are being urged to clear up after themselves – as one councillor calls for more bins in his town.

The recent good weather means more residents have been enjoying the outdoors but some parks around the city, including Campbell Park, Caldecotte Lake and Ouse Valley, have started to become hotspots for people leaving their litter.

There are also problems with rubbish being left and overflowing bins in some parks in Newport Pagnell.

Ward councillor Douglas McCall said he has received complaints about Kingfisher, Wordsworth Avenue and Riverside Meadow in particular and he is campaigning to have bins placed in Castle Meadow.

"I've had complaints about the various parks in the town," he said. "One of the main issues is where people do tidy up after themselves but the bins overflow.

"The council either needs to put bigger bins there or empty them more often."

A spokesman for Milton Keynes Council said it will be increasing the frequency of emptying an overflowing litter bin in Riverside Meadow.

He added: "There are many public bins in Newport Pagnell, both litter and dog waste bins, and some are Milton Keynes Council's responsibility and some are the town council's."

Cllr Douglas McCall has received complaints about rubbish bins overflowing

Meanwhile, The Parks Trust, which does not operate in Newport Pagnell but looks after the majority of the city's green spaces, is calling on people to be more considerate.

Rob Rieke, head of operations, said: "We know that people in Milton Keynes are passionate about parks and most use them responsibly. Sadly though some people think it's okay to drop litter and don't realise that it's illegal and can be dangerous to wildlife and other park users. We ask all our visitors to respect the parks and other park users by taking their litter home."

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Waterway link group wins national award

BY KIRSTEN RAWLINS
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THE proposed 16-mile waterway link between Milton Keynes and Bedford has won a national award.

Mooted nearly 200 years ago, the concept of a waterway linking the Grand Union Canal and the River Great Ouse was revived in the 1990s by the Bedford and Milton Keynes Waterway Trust (BMK).

On Wednesday night, BMK's efforts were recognised when it won a Waterways Renaissance award for outstanding achievement and strategy and masterplanning. The project was also runner-up in the partnership category.

The awards competition, run by the Waterways Trust, recognises exceptional projects that are using canals and rivers to enrich people's lives across the UK. Nineteen outstanding projects were recognised at the prestigious event in Birmingham.

Helen Carey, chairman of the assessment panel, said: "This is a very inspiring project, mostly because so many people have said over the years that it couldn't or wouldn't ever be done.

"There is now a long-term plan to build it and the Bedford and Milton Keynes Waterway Trust is now unequivocally regarded as an established and deliverable entity."

Jane Wolfson, former chairman and newly-elected vice president of BMK, accepted the awards on behalf of the project.

She said: "We are delighted that the vision and achievement of the project in its first decade has been recognised as nationally significant. It is a tribute to the hard work and commitment of the volunteers and project partners, and in particular the project consortium.

"Over the next few years, as partners make a reality of the masterplan on the ground, we all look forward to being on or beside the waterway."

Jane Wolfson receiving the outstanding achievement award, *centre*, with Helen Carey, chairman of the awards assessment panel, *left*, and host Jim Hancock

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'All-round good guy'

BY KIRSTEN RAWLINS
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HUNDREDS of people lined the streets on Friday for the funeral of larger-than-life Big George Webley.

The young and the old turned out to applaud the BBC radio presenter and give shouts of praise as his coffin was driven through Stony Stratford High Street followed by his family.

Fifty of George's close friends greeted the procession with the signature tune of Have I Got News For You on the kazoo – a piece he composed.

Dylan Jeavons, who was friends with George for more than 30 years, said he would always pitch his compositions, such as the theme tune to The Office, to producers using a kazoo and an acoustic guitar.

He said: "He became very well known for it. They would always expect a CD but he would say that unless you could pitch it on a guitar and kazoo it wasn't worth bothering with.

"George was so big hearted, generous and full of life. He achieved more in his short life than most could in a long life.

"The funeral was great, I thought it was a fantastic turnout – he would have loved that."

Alongside composing tunes for hit TV shows, George also played in a band called The Blues Collective.

Big George Webley is laid to rest

Kazoos Got News For You: Big George is seen off in style as friends applaud and play one of his signature tunes as his cortege passes through Stony Stratford

Fellow bandmate Blaire Scriven described him as inspiring and 'an all-round good guy'.

"He always encouraged people, he was an inspiration to many. He will be sorely missed," he added.

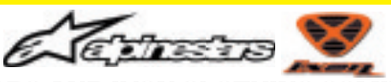
George died aged just 53 after collapsing at his family home in Stony Stratford on May 7.

A popular figure in Milton Keynes, he had presented shows on BBC London as well as Three Counties Radio where he won a gold Sony Award for best music presenter in 2002.

A huge supporter of the city, George was a massive MK Dons fan, presenting some of their games, and in 2006 released a theme tune to back England's World Cup bid.

The cause of his death is still unknown, however he did have a history of heart problems and became patron of the Milton Keynes Community Cardiac Group as a result.

He leaves behind two sons, two daughters and three grandchildren.



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Bid speaks for itself, says councillor

Cllr Sam Crooks with a copy of the City Status Bid application

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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THE latest odds have Milton Keynes at 16/1 to win city status next year.

And according to bid organiser Councillor Sam Crooks, now would be a good time to place a bet.

A lot of the media focus has been on near neighbours and fellow competitor Luton after all the bids were submitted for the deadline on Friday.

The bid from group Love Luton involved a purple double decker bus delivering the document to Westminster.

But Cllr Crooks doesn't think this will impress anyone and explained why Milton Keynes had avoided putting on a big show.

"There are a number of residents who would love us to have city status but don't want to see us spending too much money," he said.

"We don't need the razzmatazz, our bid speaks for itself - we don't need all that to show what we are."

Reading is currently the favourite to take the title, in the odds from bookmakers William Hill, but Cllr Crooks said Milton Keynes also seemed a long way down the pecking order when it came to the World Cup host city bid in 2009.

He added: "People told us then that we were reaching beyond our status, but we won.

"This is the one place in the country that can guarantee it will deliver on its promises."

Some of the information submitted in the bid includes the fact that 40 per cent of Milton Keynes is green space, more than anywhere else in the UK other than London, and the shoreline of the lakes here is longer than the shoreline of Jersey.

Also included on the front cover is the artwork of our drawing competition winner, 14-year-old Katie Cooper from Shenley Lodge.

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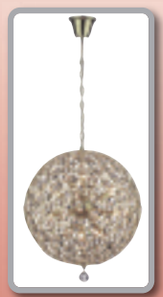
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The names of the chosen couples will then be put into a hat, with the winner being drawn on the night.

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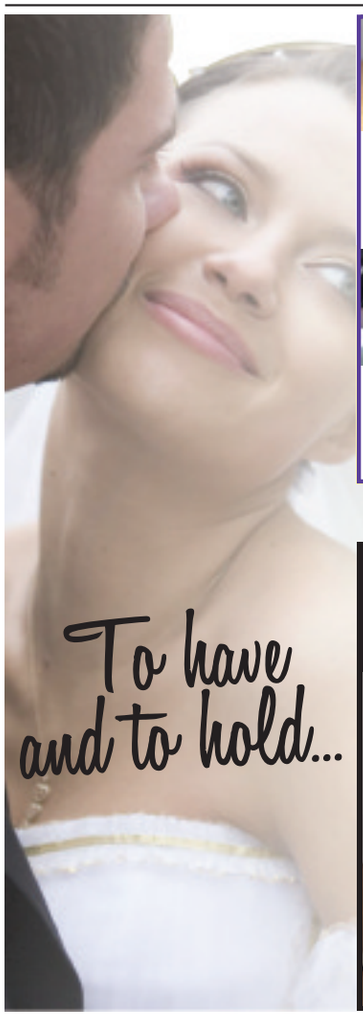

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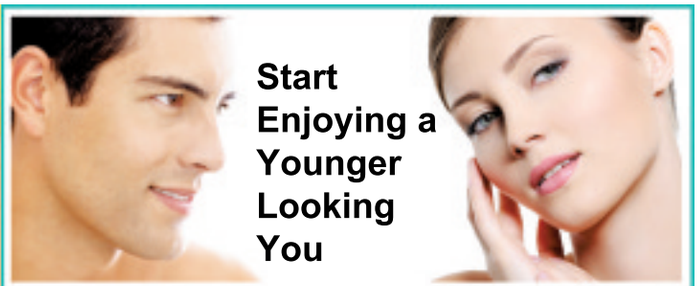

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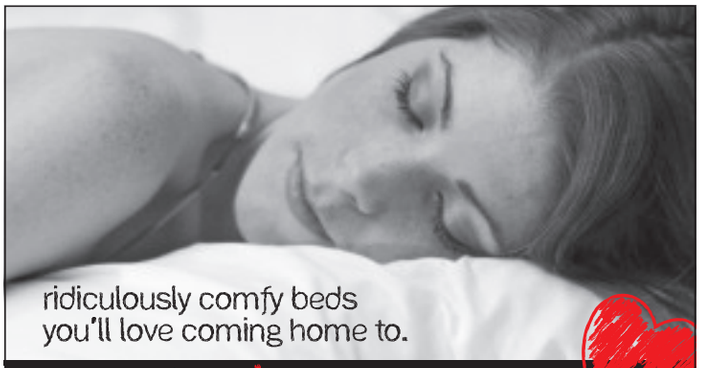

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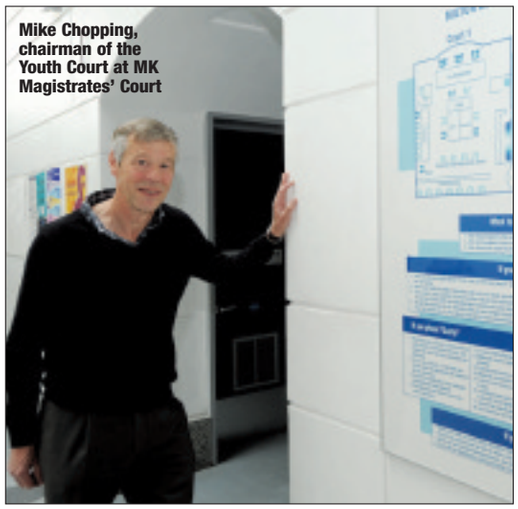
What happens to youths in courts?

THE city's magistrates' court will be opening its doors on Saturday, June 11, to mark 650 years of Justices of the Peace.

This week we will be exploring the role of the youth court in our three-part feature series on the event.



Mike Chopping, chairman of the Youth Court at MK Magistrates' Court

FOR most of the last 650 years, children and young people have been treated no differently from adults, both in terms of the trial process and the punishments available.

The age of criminal responsibility was reduced by the Normans from 12, which it had been under the Saxons, to seven. It remained at that level for 900 years.

Throughout this period it was common for youthful pranks to be followed by lengthy terms of imprisonment in the company of hardened criminals.

In 1820, a boy aged nine was sentenced to death at the Old Bailey for stealing six handkerchiefs worth £1 from a shop. Up until 1857, Justices could transport children to penal colonies overseas.

From 1879, a child under 12 charged with any serious offence, other than homicide, could be imprisoned for no more than one month, or fined 40 shillings or given six strokes of the birch.

In 1908, separate Juvenile Courts were set up. Then, in 1933, the age of criminal responsibility was raised to eight and the Youth Courts were given powers, not only to deal with offending, but also the care and protection of young people.

The age was raised to its current level of ten in 1969, and the court's responsibilities for care and protection were transferred to local authorities and to the Family Court.

Today, the emphasis is on deterring or rehabilitating young people.

Mike Chopping, chairman of Milton Keynes' Youth Court Panel, said: "Punishment is an option, but rehabilitation is the focus.

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Duo show 'True Face' to boost carers' cause

MP Iain Stewart and TV's Angela Rippon

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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A FAMOUS face and a city MP are calling for more recognition for the nation's carers.

To support this year's Carers Week, running from June 13-19 with the theme The True Face of Carers, TV presenter Angela Rippon and MP Iain Stewart have teamed up to raise awareness of the contribution made by people who provide unpaid care for someone who is ill, frail or disabled.

Mr Stewart met up with Angela at the House of Commons to pay tribute to carers and call for more support for them.

The MP for Milton Keynes South said: "Thousands of people in our city sacrifice not only their time, but also their money and their health in order to care for a loved one.

"Together they save this country an astonishing £119 billion.

"I am taking part in Carers Week to show my respect and appreciation for our carers.

"I also want to let them know that there are services out there to help them.

"Caring can be so incredibly demanding.

"It's important that carers know that they don't have to struggle on alone."

Angela Rippon cared for her mother, who had dementia, for five years until she died in 2009.

She said: "For a number of years now I've become aware of the extraordinary job that carers do throughout this country.

"It's a strain that people accept willingly and lovingly, and if they're prepared to do that, I think that as a civilised nation we should be prepared to do something in return."

For more information about events and activities taking place as part of Carers Week, visit www.carersweek.org.

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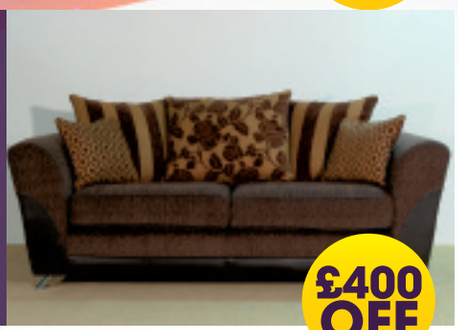

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SPRING-CLEANING can be fun! So roll up those sleeves, pull on the marigolds and get stuck in. Even for the professionally non-house-proud, there is something tantalising about sprucing up our homes and clearing out the clutter. But what if you want to do more than wash the net curtains and dust behind the sideboard?

Since time began, the arrival of spring & summer has prompted us to wake up, shape up and scrub up our homes and gardens nicely so that we can sit back and enjoy them for the rest of the year. Back in December when snow brought the country to a halt and the days never really got light at all who could have imagined sitting outside on a summer's evening until the last streaks of red have faded from the sky? As the days get longer and the nights get warmer make the magical most of the outside space that you have.

With a little thought and creativity it's not too hard or costly to move seamlessly from winter into spring and spring into summer. Here at MK News we've got some handy hints to help you style your home and gardens

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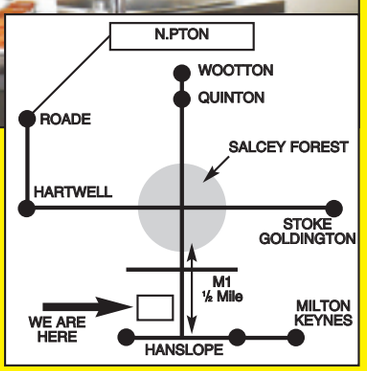

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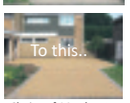

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MK BUSINESS

Vintage ideas to help give your home a top new look

BY KIRSTEN RAWLINS
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An eye for design: *From left*, Claire Gooch and Sandra Hearn at their new shop

TWO business women have travelled more than 2,500 miles across the country to find unique items for their new shop.

Claire Gooch, from Stony Stratford, and Sandra Hearn, from Sherington, have spent the past three months searching for items for their newly-opened store The Nest at No.9.

And thanks to their hard work, the home furnishings store in High Street, Olney, is now full of one-off vintage items and designer goods from across the UK, including things like Newgate clocks and Bronte Tweed.

Some of the more unique pieces in store include Amish Stars, made by Amish people living in America who, when they leave their homes, cut the tin from the roof into stars which they keep for good luck.

Co-owner Sandra, 41, said the aim is to ensure customers never see the same item at the shop twice.

"We have scoured the country to find unique one-off vintage pieces and personally meet the designers who are leading the way with the most exciting and interesting contemporary style," she said.

"Having both worked in management at John Lewis, we both wanted to bring something different to the area - something which can't be bought from normal department stores."

On their travels, the pair visited a variety of designers, factories and antique fayres in places like Cumbria, Brighton and Wales, where they spent time meeting suppliers.

Mrs Hearn added: "We even found a family company in Wales who make items for the likes of Laura Ashley."

The shop was opened by Great Linford Masterchef contestant James Perry on May 13.

Career woman will talk about her experiences in the world of work

A SUCCESSFUL businesswoman and director at the Open University will be talking about her career at a Women in Management event.

Beverley Stewart, OU director for student recruitment and financial support, will talk about her experience as a woman carving out a career path in complex corporations at home and abroad.

Ms Stewart, who took up her current position in November 2007, spent nearly 20 years in the commercial sector, having worked in advertising, retail, telecoms and utilities.

During this time she has worked for some of the largest corporations in the UK and Europe including British Gas (Centrica), OneTel, Orange, BT, Vivendi, Nortel Networks, Alcatel and France Telecom.

She openly describes her career as being a colourful one, having dodged a few bullets as she forged her career in sometimes hostile environments.

The Women in Management event takes place at the university on June 30 at 6pm. For more information e-mail wimBooking@womenandwork.co.uk, or call 01908 200186 and ask for Rachel.

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Start-up sessions

NEW business owners lookng for a push in the right direction can now join a start-up class on a Saturday morning.

The first students at the launch of Start-Up Saturday said the interactive hour-long coaching sessions were helping to overcome some of their fears about becoming their own boss.

The 12-week course, which is being hosted by Staples in Grafton Gate East, costs £10 per class and covers everything from financial planning to marketing on a budget.

Buzz over nursery award

BUSY Bees Nursery in Oldbrook has won an award.

It was among five of the group's 129 nurseries that received the Busy Bees Centres of Excellence award, which aims to encourage childcare professionals to continue to develop and provide a good all-round environment for children.

Geared up for challenge

EIGHTEEN members of staff at city-based Volkswagen Financial Services are hoping to raise £10,000 for the armed services charity Remount by taking part in the 24 peaks challenge.

On July 9 they are hoping to walk up 24 peaks in the lake district in 24 hours, with each one being more than 2,400 feet.

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Investing in employees

FASHION and accessories company FOSSIL, based in Wolverton Mill, achieved success with Investors in People (IIP) in 2008 and has now successfully passed the compulsory three-year IIP review.

This means FOSSIL has been able to demonstrate continued commitment to the development of its employees and to achieving the goals that were originally determined three years ago.

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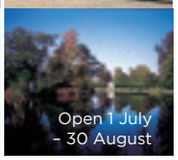

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NOTORIOUS

The Saturdays
THE Saturdays don't actually want a number one single, do they?

On this evidence, I'm not even sure they're that bothered about reaching the top ten anymore. I don't want to sound cruel and heartless, but let's be honest about what's gone wrong here.

First off, let's talk about AutoTune. At least this time round they seem to be using it for the purposes of comedy; that's the only explanation. Nobody would intentionally mess about with the vocals like they do here, would they?

Secondly, there's the tune. Now, I'm sure it was a very special moment in the recording studio when someone played the melody on an old-school Bontempi keyboard and said 'Wouldn't it be funny if we recorded it like this?', but really, did they have to actually do it?

Hope this isn't getting you down, but I'm not finished yet. There's still the chorus - such as it is. Songs build up to the chorus, that's standard procedure. The chorus is not the part where the song practically comes to a dead stop for 30 seconds. Sigh.

This isn't exactly dreadful, but it's got less personality than a loaf of bread. If this is the best they can come up with to launch the new album, The Saturdays really are in trouble.

TOTAL: FROM JOY DIVISION TO NEW ORDER

Joy Division and New Order (album)
IF YOU'RE going to call a retrospective Total, that's what you should expect. Everything. singles, B-sides, remixes, even the free flexi-disc that was handed out at the Hacienda in 1982.

Somehow, five Joy Division songs and 13 from New Order doesn't quite live up to the billing, especially when you consider how many compilations are already available for both bands.

Where this particular compilation falls down is with some of the New Order singles.

Aside from Blue Monday, Thieves Like Us and - er - Krafty, they've used the 7" edits, which would be fine except that most New Order singles were written for the 12" format.

Temptation was written for both, but that's another story, and as for the 'new' track, Hellbent, it's a mid-2000s effort that sounds okay, but nothing special.

If you want my advice, steer clear of this one and buy the two bands' Substance compilations instead. They will satisfy your needs.

In contrast, Total's a bit of a mess.

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That is Gypsy Swing, also known as Gypsy Jazz, played with a strong rhythm section of guitars and bass, rather than the traditional drums and bass of American Jazz.

This genre was created by the genius Gypsy guitar master Django Reinhardt and was the Hot Club Era of Paris in the 1930s.

This atmospheric music is currently experiencing a tidal wave of resurgence throughout Europe and the States, as its heart beat rhythm, melody and fascination are rediscovered by young musicians and the public alike after Django's death.

The Chrysalis theatre auditorium will be transformed into cabaret seating. Tickets £15 (£12), balcony seating £8, from www.chrysalismk.co.uk or Camphill Cafe, Willen Park.

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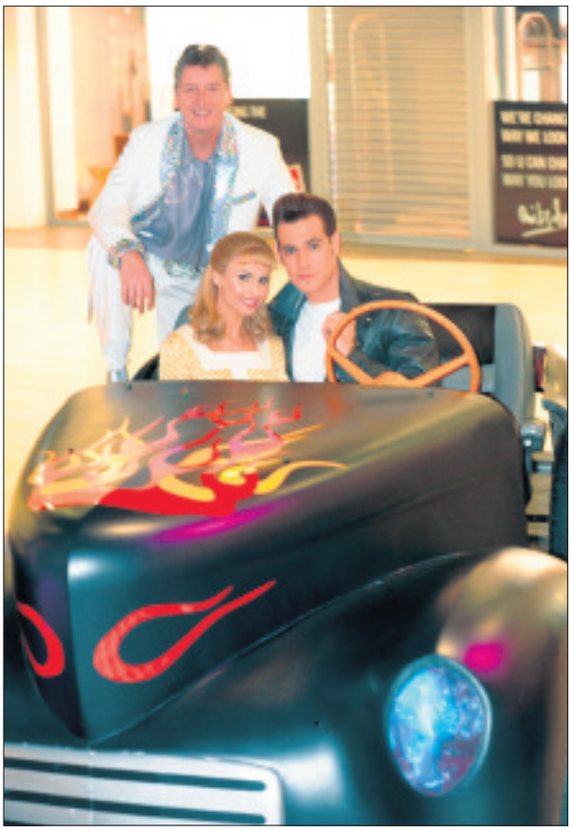

Slick: Appearing in Grease are Robin Cousins as Teen Angel, Carina Gillespie as Sandy and Danny Bayne as Danny

GREASE

Until Saturday

RUMOUR has it (or should I say, the word is) John Travolta originally played Kenickie in the Grease stage show and would only play Danny in the film adaptation if he could still sing Greased Lightnin'.

Now, some Grease geeks out there might be able to help me out with that, but if it's true, it's easy to see why he was reluctant to change.

The well-loved classic, sung by Kenickie as was always intended, blew the audience away at MK Theatre, Ricky Rojas giving a show-stopping performance of the no-nonsense bad boy.

Other highlights included Hopelessly Devoted To You and Beauty School Dropout, sung by the fantastic Robin Cousins - who knew he could make the transition from ice to stage so easily?

Having watched Grease the film more times than I can remember, I couldn't wait to see the show for the first time. There was singing from the off, and in addition to all the 'film' songs, there were added extras which were new to me, so the music barely stopped.

The costumes were amazing and I am now inspired to trawl the vintage shops at the weekend - with more than 140 costume changes during the show, credit has to be given to all of the backstage team.

So go and see it for the dancing, the costumes, and of course the music. You will be guaranteed to be jiving on your way home.

Katie Andrews

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FOOTLOOSE

Tuesday to Sunday, June 7-12

FOLLOWING the success of their production of Boogie Nights in June 2009, MKAOS are back to the 80s with Footloose, a full blown stage musical based on the iconic movie.

When free-spirited Ren moves from Chicago to a conservative hick town in the Midwest, he discovers that wide open spaces sometimes come with very narrow minds.

The repressive local minister, Reverend Moore, has convinced the town to ban dancing and rock 'n' roll music.

Complications arise when Ren falls in love with Reverend Moore's strong-willed daughter, Ariel. Together they start to stand up for their beliefs and revitalise the spirits of the town, winning over the hearts and souls of the whole community in an effort to make dancing legal again.

This uplifting story of teenage rebellion is a sure-fire winner with 80s classics like Let's Hear it for the Boy, Holding Out for a Hero and of course Footloose.

Tickets £15 (£13)

MK GALLERY

FILM INSTALLATION

Tomorrow, 6.30pm

AS PART of MK Gallery's Young People's Project they present Lost and Found, a film screening with a twist.

Dream Screen will feature a series of short films inspired by the concept of dreams, which will be projected onto the ceiling.

Viewers will then be asked to lay on the ground, heads on pillows, as they listen to the films through wireless headphones in order to create a surreal and immersive experience. Free, donations welcome.

THE PROJECT SPACE CHALLENGE

Tomorrow, 6-7.30pm

CHILDREN have been taking part in this half-term's playing with paint and trying out a range of artist led workshops.

You can join the launch of the work created by all participants and the exhibition in the Gallery's Project Space is on until July 3.

ACCESS THE ARTS

Friday, 11am-2.30pm

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access needs to find out about access facilities, events and performances at both MK Gallery and MK Theatre and how to use them to their full potential.

AccessTour at MK Gallery Richard Woods exhibition

The event starts with a tour of the Gareth Jones Exhibition before a break for lunch and in the afternoon their is a guided tour backstage in the theatre.

You can download a Visitor Access Guide via www.mkgallery.org, or contact Emma Fry on 01908 558305, or efry@mkgallery.org.

LONDON (1994)

Friday, 6.30pm

PART of the Friday Night Film season, and selected by Gareth Jones to accompany his exhibition, this film programme unites a group of maverick British directors, artists and cultural icons

Dircetor Patrick Keiller's elegant and episodic narrative leads us across the surface of a city perceived to be in decline, but actually in the process of re-emerging as a Capitalist behemoth.

Tickets £5 (concessions £3).

GARETH JONES AND MICHAEL BRACEWELL IN CONVERSATION

Thursday, June 9, 6.30pm

HEAR artist Gareth Jones discuss his work with writer, novelist and cultural commentator Michael Bracewell. This is one of a series of talks curated by Gareth Jones to accompany his exhibition at MK Gallery. Free.

For further details of all the above events visit www.mkgallery.org, or pre-book tickets on 01908 676900.

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Friday 3 June, 8pm
80S MANIA
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Tickets £21.50, £23

Sunday 5 June, 8pm
THE WILDERS
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Tuesday 7 June, 8pm
THE JON ALLEN BAND
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2nd June

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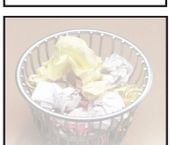

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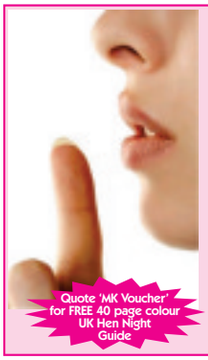

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SATURDAY

The Day Of Dance
Old Mother Redcaps dancing Garland and Manx - traditional dance from the Isle of Man. Other dance teams include Royal Oak, Woadworks, Stony Steppers and the Rose and Castle Morris Men. From 11am.
MK Handmade and Vintage Market, The Swinfen Harris Hall
A select number of lovely and original sellers with the emphasis on unusual, high quality, handmade and vintage items of all different kinds, from 10am-3.30pm.
Allotments Open Day, London Road Allotments
A chance to meet Stony Stratford's finest vegetable and fruit growers, view their plots and have a chat about how it's all done from 1-4pm.
Town Barn Dance with Acchord, Market Square
In traditional style, Stony Stratford's very own ceilidh band, Acchord, will be playing for your barn dance in the Market Square with the lovely Sarah Malleson calling the dances. From 6.30pm.
Vivant, St Mary's and St Giles' Church
Traditional music from the UK, France and beyond. Beautiful instrumental music played on violin and melodeon by Mark Prescott and Clive Williams from 7.30pm. Free, collection for church funds.
The Concrete Cowboys, The Bull Hotel
The Cowboys put the Moo into music, playing Bluegrass style, now having been around for nearly 30 years. Free, 1pm.
The Gents, The Fox And Hounds
An alternative indie rock band playing

Musicans performing in the Market Square at last year's Stony Live!

mostly covers, old and new, as well as a few of their own for good measure. - Free, bucket collection for the band, 9.30pm.
Lucky 7even,The White Horse
Doctor Feelgood tribute band, featuring the vocal talents of Southend's own Mike Maynard who grew up with the Feelgoods. Free, 9pm.

SUNDAY

Classic Car Festival, Market Square
Petrol heads are in for a real treat as classic car enthusiasts will be polishing up their vehicles in preparation for the third Stony Stratford Classic Car Festival from 1pm.
Busking in the Square, Market Square
Local musicians will be entertaining you while you amble along, admiring the array of classic cars.
Clog Dance Workshop - The Crown
Hosted by Stony Steppers. Free, 10.30am-noon.
Rose and Castle Morris Dance Workshop, The Bull Hotel
A beginners workshop to introduce people to a simple North West Morris Dance. Go along and have a go, no experience is required. Free, 10.30am-noon.
A Breathe Of Fresh Air, Stony Stratford Football Club
Five hours of quality music with Breathe's Pink Floyd set, rock from After The Lights, jump-jive with Hellzaboppin. Plus, Hunsbury Central on top of the cover and country rock with The Strawberry Mules. Tickets £10, accompanied under-16s £2, starts 1.30pm.
Jacob Collins and Friends - St Mary's and St Giles' Church
A concert by young violinist/pianist/organist Jacob Collins, with friends including Eleanor Page and St Mary and St Giles Band, 3pm.
The Belmont Handbell Ringers - Methodist Church
The handbell ringers will be joined by vocal group The Slingshots to give you an entertaining and varied one-hour programme. Free, 8pm.
The Vaults Bar Music Workshop, The Bull Hotel
The longest-running session in England? Come and join in. Starts 12.30pm.
Open Mic Night, The Bull Hotel
Ian Anderson and Marc Michalski welcome you to an evening of fun open to all regardless of experience. Free, 8.30pm.
Jewels At The Crown - The Crown
An evening of original music and song from some of our finest local female tune and songsmiths, once again in the atmospheric upstairs setting. Tickets £5, 7.30pm.

MONDAY

StonyLive! Committee Session, The Bull Hotel
Another fun session for all musicians, singers and audience run by the StonyLive! Committee. Free to join in or watch. A collection will be made for Stony Live!, 8pm.
Best Of One World Club, The Cock Hotel
Top class entertainment with music, dance and poetry, representing the cultures of Ireland, India, Spain, French speaking USA, Africa, and of course the UK. Free, 6.30pm.
Brian Jeffels supported by Matt Morton, The Cock Hotel
Brian and his band perform original traditional tunes from England, Scotland and beyond. Free, 8pm.
Thee Eggmen, The Crown
Members of Cloud Nine and special guest singers perform John Lennon songs from the Beatles years and from his solo career. Tickets £5, 9pm.

TUESDAY

Kobold - Kardamom Lounge
An extreme repertoire of songs from John Martyn to James Taylor, Cat Stevens to The Doors, with a sprinkling of traditional folk and some originals. Tickets £10.95, including special banquet for StonyLive! From 6pm, music from 8pm.
Curry Club Charity Quiz, Naidni
This charity quiz night has been running for over three years now, so far they have raised more than £10,000 for Willen Hospice and Rett UK.Tickets £15 per person. Main meal, sides and naan or rice included.
A'cappella Session, The Bull Hotel
A hearty sing hosted by the 5 Men not Called Matt. No instruments, one of the best supported free events at StonyLive!, 8pm.
Southern Lights,The Cock Hotel
Southern Lights will be performing Southern Rock classics by Lynyrd Skynyrd, The Allman Brothers, Little Feat, Georgia Satellites, Steve Earle and more. Tickets £5 from Odells.
Wordplay, The Crown
The Bard of Stony Stratford presents a showcase of the finest local talent in performance poetry and spoken word. Free, a voluntary collection will be taken, 8pm.
Good Time Jazz, The Fox And Hounds
A unique quartet whose specialty is blues and ballads of the 1920 and 30s. Free, 9pm.

For futher details of all these events and where to get your tickets go to www.stonylive.info.

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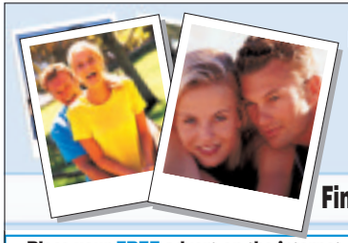

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LYN attractive, 54, N/S, 5ft 7ins, slim, widow, likes socialising, meals out, holidays, seeks similar male. Kings Langley. **Tel No: 0905 436 0866 Box No: 353921**

BLACK female, 48, single mum, likes meals out, cinema, walks, theatre, seeks presentable, genuine, sincere, N/S male for TLC. **Tel No: 0905 436 0866 Box No: 369688**

CHEEKY brunette, seeks much older male to have some fun with. **Tel No: 0905 436 0866 Box No: 377306**

36YR old housewife looking for mutual companionship with understanding man stuck in a similar rut. **Tel No: 0905 436 0866 Box No: 364331**

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LONELY housewife 39, attractive, leggy, blonde, WLTM male for daytime meets. Any age/status. **Tel No: 0905 436 0866 Box No: 363295**

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37YR old nurse confident, attractive, single by choice, looking for older N/S male to romance and enjoy quality times together. 45-70. **Tel No: 0905 436 0866 Box No: 363939**

HONEST easygoing female, 49, likes meals out, cinema, holidays, N/S, seeks genuine white male for serious LTR. **Tel No: 0905 436 0866 Box No: 359283**

IRENE 5ft 7ins, hazel eyes, young 52, loving, caring, average build, seeks male, 44-55 for friendship, maybe more. Welwyn Garden City. **Tel No: 0905 436 0866 Box No: 365993**

GOOD looking mature lady who likes to look after herself, solvent, home owner, WLTM appreciative younger man, looks unimportant good personality essential. **Tel No: 0905 436 0866 Box No: 364333**

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BLACK lady 35, seeks white male, 38-50 for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0905 436 0866 Box No: 385538**

6FT blonde leggy ex lingerie model 33, looking for good times with free thinking male. Single dad welcome/Any age. **Tel No: 0905 436 0866 Box No: 361381**

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HEART FM **COLUMN**

HEART breakfast show presenters Stuart and Natalie wake you up each weekday morning and write to you each week in MK NEWS.

You can't pick up a newspaper or magazine, turn on the TV or radio without hearing from Lady Gaga at the moment.

Her new album Born This Way has just been released and she dropped into Heart Towers for a cup of coffee in a china mug and a chat.

Gaga has become a global superstar almost overnight, and at only 25, she told us it hasn't sunk in properly yet. "I actually say I am really delusional about what's happened, but I really love making music and love performing so much and just want to keep going.

"It's not that I don't care about the success, it's just that all that matters to me is the music and the fans."

On the royal wedding she said: "I thought it was so beautiful, I loved watching it, I thought she looked beautiful and I loved Sarah (Burton) who designed the dress, she's made lots of clothes for me and I loved it".

On being single and what she looks for in a man, she revealed: "I like a bad boy, I look for someone that knows there is no separation between who I am on stage and who I am off stage."

Dolly Parton told us a couple of weeks ago she was keen to collaborate with Gaga and we wanted to know what she thought of that. "Yes, Dolly, yes yes and yes, not only will I, I'll get her face tattooed on me."

Finally we discovered Take That have been rehearsing in the Cardington Airship Hangers in Bedfordshire so make sure you join us on Heart Breakfast over the coming weeks and keep an eye on this column as we have tickets for you to win.

Stuart and Natalie present Heart Breakfast Monday to Friday 6am-10am on Heart 103.3FM.

ACORN **HOUSE**

CHARITY AUCTION

Thursday, June 9, 6pm

CHARITIES Mind and Women and Work have come together to offer an evening of entertainment and excitement.

There will be a goods and services auction with the lots on offer ranging from the wild to the wacky.

So if you fancy spending three hours stilt walking at your next event or an hour's jugging and magic show then this could be for you.

Perhaps a set of personalised table mugs or golf clubs would be to your fancy, or maybe a weekend in a Welsh cottage or family tickets to a Dons home league match are more to your taste. Music fans could pick up a signed New Order poster, while art lovers could get some wall tapestry or a landscape painting.

For those in business you could bid for some work place meditation or maybe one hour's staff training on sexuality awareness.

There will also be a chance to try and buy a range of the ethnic foods that will be on offer in the auction.

Tickets cost £5 (including a free glass of wine) but if you can't make it on the night you can see the full list of lots and place a bid at www.womenandwork.co.uk, or www.mkmind.org.uk.

NEWPORT **PAGNELL**

OPEN GARDENS

Sunday, 11am-4pm.

THIS community event, instigated by the Inner Wheel Club of Newport Pagnell, allows people to enjoy some wonderful gardens and meet other residents in the area.

It is in aid of Whizz-Kidz, a charity giving disabled children the chance to lead a more independent life.

All the gardens in Wolverton Road, Westbury Lane and Bramley Meadows are within a short walking distance of one another.

Cost is £3 per adult, for all five gardens, children free. For more information call 01908 610215.

Leisure or events news? e-mail **leisure@mk-news.co.uk**

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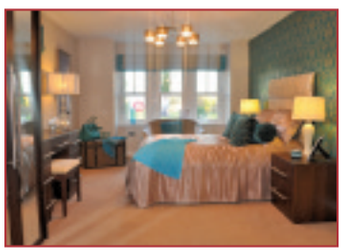

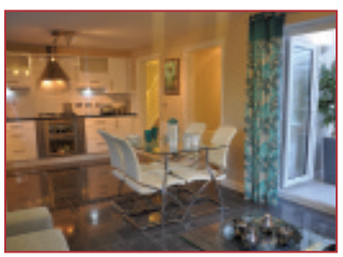

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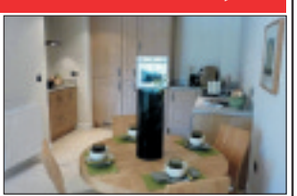

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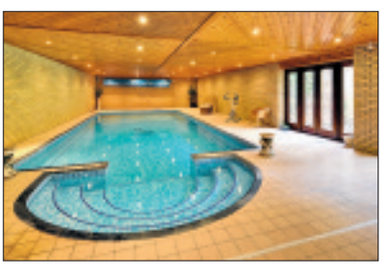

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Old Farm Park

- Immaculately presented 4 bedroom detached
- Refurbished to a very high standard
- Lounge • Open plan dining/kitchen
- Sun room • Study
- Master bedroom has an en suite
- Ample parking on the block paved driveway
- Double garage and workshop

£410,000

Shenley Brook End

- Four bedroom detached executive
- Two Reception Rooms
- Conservatory
- Kitchen/breakfast room
- Impressive master with high vaulted ceiling
- Modern en suite
- Detached double garage

£365,000

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Heelands £310,000

NEW

• Three Bedroom Detached
• Lounge and Dining Room
• Kitchen/Breakfast Room
• Family Room
• Ensuite and Family Bathroom

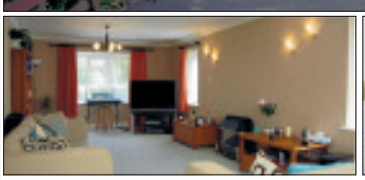
Middleton £265,000

NEW

• Three Bedroom Detached
• Lounge and Kitchen/Diner
• Downstairs cloakroom
• Front and Rear gardens
• Garage and off road parking

Neath Hill £310,000

NEW



• Four Bedrooms
• Lounge and Dining Room
• Kitchen and Conservatory
• Ensuite and Family Bathroom
• Front & Rear Garden

Shenley Brook End £250,000

NEW

• Four Bedroom Detached
• Lounge and Dining Room
• Kitchen and Utility Room
• En-suite and Bathroom
• Front and Rear Gardens

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- Three Bedroom End of Terrace
- Vacant Possession
- Kitchen/Diner
- Conservatory
- Front & Rear Gardens

Heelands £134,950

- Three Bedroom Semi Detached Property
- Lounge and Kitchen/diner
- Gardens to front and rear
- Driveway providing off road parking
- Garage

Pennyland £125,000

- CASH OFFERS ONLY
- Three Bedrooms
- Dining Room
- Off Road Parking
- Rear Garden

Downhead Park £122,500

- Two Bedrooms
- Ground Floor Apartment
- Open Plan Living Area
- Communal Gardens
- No Upper Chain

Two Mile Ash £160,000

- Four Bedroom House
- Separate Reception Rooms
- Ensuite to Master Bedroom
- Gardens
- Off Road parking

Broughton £134,995

- Two Bedroom Apartment
- Bathroom
- Ensuite
- Kitchen
- Lounge/Diner

Bolbeck Park £240,000

- Three bedroom detached
- Re-fitted bathroom, en suite and cloakroom
- Lounge and dining room/study
- Re-fitted kitchen
- Single garage

Springfield £224,995

- Three Bedroom Detached
- Utility Room/ Cloakroom
- Kitchen and Conservatory
- Dining Room and Lounge
- 3 Bathrooms including ensuite

Milton Keynes £150,000

- One Bedroom
- Concierge entrance
- Lounge/Kitchen/Dining Room
- Bathroom
- Underground Parking

Witan Gate £78,000

- One Bed Apartment
- Shared Ownership Scheme
- Close to Train Station & Shopping Centre
- Gas to Radiator Heating
- Secure Parking

Walnut Tree £172,500

- Two Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Kitchen and Lounge
- Utility Room and Dining Room
- Conservatory
- Bathroom

Coffee Hall £130,000

- Three Bedroom Bungalow
- Kitchen/Diner
- Front & Rear Garden
- Garage
- Off Road Parking

Springfield £146,995

- Three Bedroom Terrace
- Cloakroom
- Double Glazing
- Front and Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking.

Flintergill Court £80,000

- Over 60's retirement flat
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bedroom and Bathroom
- Communal garden and parking

Bolbeck Park £186,995

- Three Bedroom Semi Detached
- Lounge and Dining room
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Rear garden

Middleton £240,000

- Three Bedroom Detached Property
- Dining Room
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Master Ensuite
- Off Road Parking & Garage

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Greenleys £190,000

• Three Bedrooms
• Cloakroom
• Lounge
• Dining Room Area
• Kitchen & Utility Room
• Conservatory
• Gardens
• Garage

Wolverton O.I.E.O £160,000

• Three Bedroom Victorian Terrace
• Double glazing where specified
• Two Reception Rooms
• Kitchen/ breakfast room
• Shower room
• Garage
• NO UPPER CHAIN.

Stony Stratford O.I.E.O. £190,000

•Semi Detached
•Three Bedrooms
•Refitted Kitchen/Diner
•Refitted Bathroom
•Downstairs Cloakroom
•Front and Rear Gardens

Deanshanger £250,000

• Very Well Presented
• Four Bedroom
• Three Storey
• Detached Home
• En Suite To Master
• Cloakroom
• Single Garage
• Garden

Wolverton O.I.E.O. £150,000

• Three Bedroom
• Mid Terrace Home
• Double Glazing
• Gas Radiator Heating
• Cloakroom
• Refitted Kitchen
• Cellar
• No Upper Chain

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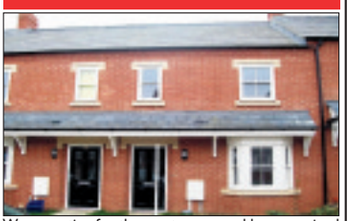

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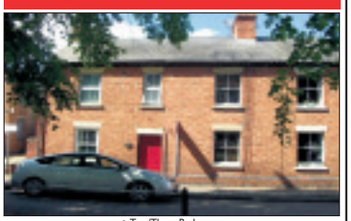
Stony Stratford £159,000



• Two/Three Bedrooms
• Horsefair Green
• Lounge
• Dining Room
• In Need of Updating
• Garden
• No Upper Chain
• Must Be Viewed

Old Stratford Guide £250,000

• Semi detached property
• Three Bedrooms
• Re-fitted kitchen
• Conservatory
• Extended
• Double garage
• Large Garden
• Off road parking

Wolverton Mill £299,950

• Well presented townhouse
• Five Bedrooms
• Kitchen/diner
• Lounge
• En suite
• Rear garden
• Double carport

Deanshanger £195,000

•Semi Detached
•Three Bedrooms
•Cloakroom
•Separate Reception Rooms
•Conservatory
•Ensuite to Master
•Driveway and Garage

Yardley Gobion Offers over £180,000

•Semi Detached
•Three Bedrooms
•Lounge/Diner
•Refitted Kitchen
•Ensuite to Master
•Off Road Parking
•Garden

Haversham O.I.E.O. £275,000

• Four Bedroom Property
• Downstairs Shower Room
• Dining Room
• Kitchen/Breakfast Room
• Master Ensuite
• Front & Rear Garden
• Off Road Parking

Stony Stratford Guide Price £215,000

• Semi Detached Bungalow
• Two Bedrooms
• Separate Reception Rooms
• Refitted Kitchen
• Conservatory
• Re-fitted Shower Room
• Gardens to Front and Rear
• Detached Single Garage

Stony Stratford Offers over £135,000

• Two Bedrooms
• First Floor
• Maisonette
• Over 55's Only
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• Communal Parking
• No Upper Chain

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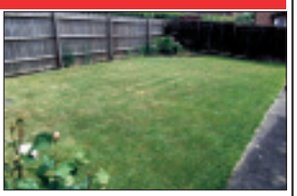
Stoke Hammond £160,000

- Two Bedrooms
- Semi Detached Property
- One Reception Room
- Front And Rear Gardens

Racecourses Guide Price £155,000



- Detached bungalow
- Two bedrooms
- Lounge/diner
- Kitchen
- Conservatory
- Single garage
- Rear garden
- Off road parking

Buckingham Road £279,995

- Four Bedrooms
- Detached Property
- One Reception Room
- Front And Rear Gardens
- Viewing Is Highly Recommended.

House of The Week £325,000

- Extended Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Separate Annexe
- Cloakroom
- Separate Reception Rooms
- Conservatory
- Refitted Bathroom
- Front and Rear Garden
- Driveway and Garage

Rivers £175,000

- Extended Semi Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Separate Reception Rooms
- Enclosed Rear Garden
- Garage
- Off Road parking

Racecourses £155,000

- Two Bedrooms
- Semi Detached Property
- Off Road Parking
- Garden

Fenny Straford Guide Price £150,000

- Mid Terrace
- Three Bedrooms
- Double Glazing
- Central Heating
- Three Reception Rooms
- Rear Garden

Water Eaton OIEO £125,000

- First Floor
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Modern Maisonette
- Allocated Parking
- Internal Viewing Recommended

Central Bletchley Guide Price £130,000

- Victorian Cottage
- Two Bedrooms
- Separate Reception Rooms
- Garden
- No Upper Chain

Racecourses £50,000

- Shared Ownership
- One Bedroom Masionette
- Popular Racecourse Area
- Refitted Kitchen
- Lounge/Diner
- Rear Garden
- Allocated Parking

Racecourses £169,995

- Semi Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking

Counties £150,000

- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Dining Room
- Refitted Bathroom
- Front and Rear Gardens
- No Upper Chain

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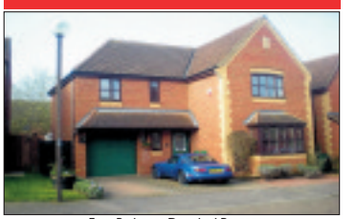
Shenley Lodge £399,995

• Well Presented
• Extended
• Four/Five Bedroom
• Detached Property
• Separate Receptions
• En Suite
• Double Garage
• Gardens

Emerson Valley £215,000

• Three Bedroom Link Detached
• Kitchen/Diner
• Double Glazing
• Garage
• Off Road Parking
• Front & Rear Garden

Westcroft £290,000



• Four Bedroom Detached Property
• Downstairs Cloakroom
• Refitted Kitchen/Diner
• Ensuite to Master Bedroom
• Conservatory
• Rear Garden
• Driveway and Garage

Furzton Offers In Excess Of £300,000

• Well presented
• Detached property
• Four double bedrooms
• Ensuite to master
• Utility room and cloakroom
• Front and rear gardens
• Driveway and garage
• Viewing recommended

Crownhill £175,000

• Semi Detached
• Three Bedrooms
• Cloakroom
• Kitchen/Dining Room
• Front and Rear Gardens
• Driveway

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Emerson Valley Guide £225,000

• Extended
• Three Bedroom
• Semi Detached Home
• Popular Area
• 18ft Family Room
• Utility Room
• Cloakroom
• Garage and Gardens

Kingsmead £390,000

• Detached Property
• Four Bedrooms
• Cloakroom
• Separate Reception Rooms
• Kitchen/Breakfast Room
• Study
• Two Ensuites
• Front and Rear Garden

Oxley Park £239,995

• Semi Detached
• Three Bedroom
• Lounge
• Dining Room
• Kitchen
• Ensuite
• Family Bathroom

Westcroft £172,500

• Two Bedroom
• Cloakroom
• Master Ensuite
• Allocated Parking
• Double Glazing
• Gas to Radiator Central Heating.
• Front & Rear Garden

Emerson Valley £159,995

• Semi Detached
• Two Bedrooms
• Kitchen/Diner
• Rear Garden
• Off Road Parking

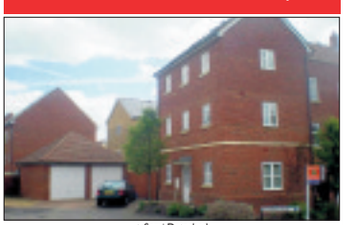
Crownhill OIEO £165,000

• Three Bedrooms
• Detached Property
• Popular Location
• Front And Rear Gardens
• Off Road Parking

Crownhill OIRO £150,000

• Semi detached house
• Well presented
• Two double bedrooms
• Cul de sac location
• Kitchen
• Lounge/diner
• Off road parking
• Gardens

Westcroft OIRO £275,000



• Semi Detached
• Four Bedrooms
• Cloakroom
• Conservatory
• Kitchen/Diner
• Two Ensuites
• Garden and Garage
• Off Road Parking

Oxley Park £385,000

•Detached Property
•Five Bedrooms
•Cloakroom
•Separate Reception Rooms
•Kitchen/Breakfast Room
•Ensuite to Master
•Front and Rear Gardens,
•Driveway and Double Garage

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Newport Pagnell £120,000

- One Bedroom House
- Sought After Location
- Lounge/Diner
- Gas to Radiator Heating
- Off Road Parking
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Olney £270,000

- Three Bedroom Detached
- Overlooking Johnsons Field
- Separate Reception Rooms
- Kitchen & Utility
- Cloakroom
- Rear Garden
- Garage and Off Road Parking

Giffard Park £155,000

- Two Bedrooms
- End Of Terrace Property
- Sought After Location
- Lounge
- Refitted Kitchen/Diner
- Refitted Bathroom
- Front & Rear Garden

Lavendon £259,995

- Four Bedrooms
- Refurbished throughout
- Lounge
- Dining Room/Study
- Kitchen/Diner
- En Suite
- Driveway and Garage

Giffard Park £310,000

- Four Bedroom Detached
- Lounge
- Cloakroom
- Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Family Room
- Utility Room
- Conservatory
- Call 01908 611966 to view

Olney £129,995

- First Floor Maisonette
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Two Allocated Parking Spaces
- Call 01234 713333 to view

Bozeat O.I.E.O £170,000

- Three Bedroom Detached
- Kitchen
- Lounge Diner
- Conservatory
- Ensuite
- Bathroom
- Off Road Parking
- Single Garage

Newport Pagnell £155,000

- Victorian Property
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Refitted kitchen
- Four Piece Bathroom
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Call 01908 611966 to view

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Another Character Property SSTC by Taylors leaving clients who missed out! If you have a character property you are thinking of selling contact Taylors on 01908 611966

Olney O.I.E.O £180,000

- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Refitted Shower Room
- Conservatory
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Allocated Parking
- Double Glazing Where Specified
- Call 01234 713333 to view

Lavendon £335,000

- Spacious four double bedroom detached
- Superb flexible living space
- Lounge/Diner
- Refitted Kitchen
- En Suite
- Private driveway and double garage
- Viewing is highly recommended
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Downhead Park £79,000

Well Presented
Two Bedroom
Detached Property
Lounge
Kitchen
Shared Ownership Scheme

Bletchley Offers Over £135,000

Two Bedroom Property
Kitchen/Diner
Gas to Radiator Heating
Double Glazing
Off Road Parking
Front & Rear Garden

Emerson Valley £49,000

One Bedroom
Ground Floor Maisonette
Kitchen
Bathroom
Lounge
Double Glazing
40% Shared Owner Ship

Bradwell Guide Price £120,000

Semi detached bungalow
Two bedrooms
Lounge/diner
Lean to conservatory
Gardens & off road parking
No upper chain

Ashland Offers Over £240,000

Four/Five Bedroom Property
Cloakroom
Dining Room
Utility
Master En suite
Walk In Dressing Area to Master
Garage and Off Road Parking

Stony Stratford £142,500

Semi detached home
Four bedrooms
Downstairs cloakroom
Separate reception rooms
Rear garden
Garage

Woolstone OIEO £235,000

Three Bedroom Property
Woolstone Location
Family Room
Conservatory
Double Glazing
Off Road Parking

Giffard Park £100,000

Over 55's bungalow
Lounge
Kitchen
Conservatory
Bedroom
Bathroom
Allocated parking

Conniburrow Guide Price £105,000

Over 55's bungalow
Warden controlled
Two bedrooms
Lounge/diner
Communal garden

Bletchley OIRO £145,000

Three/four bedroom property
Kitchen/diner
Conservatory
Loft room
Rear garden
Off road parking

Racecourses OIEO £134,000

Popular Racecourse Development
Two Bedrooms
Off Road Parking
Double Glazing
Kitchen/Diner

Heelands Guide Price £112,500

Two Bedrooms
Terrace
Lounge
Kitchen
Wet Room
Front & Rear Garden

Heelands £134,950

Semi detached home
Three bedrooms
Lounge/diner
Conservatory
Off road parking
Single garage

Racecourses Offers Over £300,000

Well Presented
Four Bedroom Detached
Three Reception Rooms
En Suite to Master
Front & Rear Gardens
Parking & Double Garage

Monkston Guide Price £170,000

Terrace Property
Three Bedroom
Cloakroom
Lounge/Diner
Enclosed Rear Garden
Off Road Parking

Great Linford £250,000

Much Improved
Four Bedroom
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Double Glazing
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Bozeat £139,995

Victorian end terraced property
Two bedrooms
En suite bathroom
Kitchen & utility
Separate receptions
Downstairs shower room

Denton O.I.E.O £160,000

Open country views
Three Bedroom Semi Detached
Dining Room
Village of Denton
Master En suite
Garage and Off Road Parking
Front and Rear Garden

Blakelands £152,000

Semi detached property
Two bedrooms
Lounge/diner
Re-fitted kitchen
Rear and side garden
Single garage

Salford £300,000

Four Bedroom
Semi Detached
Lounge
Dining/Family Room
Kitchen
Cloakroom
Dressing Room

Bozeat £159,995

New Home
Kitchen
Cloakroom
Lounge
Three Bedrooms
Family Bathroom
Front & Rear Gardens

Irchester £110,000

MAKE AN OFFER
Semi Detached Property
Three Bedrooms
Lounge
Kitchen
Gardens
Off Road Parking

Public Notice £64,950

We advise that offer has been made for the above property in the sum of £64,950.
Any persons wishing to increase on the offer should notify the agents of their best prior to exchange of contracts

Newport Pagnell £142,500

Two Bedroom Mid Terrace
Kitchen/Diner
Lounge
Bathroom
Garage and Gardens

Emberton £315,000

2.2 Acre Paddock
1930's Property
Semi Detached
Three Bedrooms
Two Stables
Three Reception Rooms
Off Road Parking

Turvey O.I.E.O £165,000

Three Bedrooms
Lounge
Dining Room
Kitchen
Bathroom
Rear Garden
Front & Rear Garden

Newport Pagnell £220,000

Three Bedrooms
Semi Detached Property
Popular Location
Extended And Modernised
Front And Rear Gardens
Single Garage

Newport Pagnell £195,000

Three Bedrooms
Semi Detached
Downstairs Cloakroom
Lounge
Refitted Kitchen/Diner
Family Bathroom
Garden

Bozeat £125,000

New Home
Kitchen
Cloakroom
Lounge
Two Double Bedrooms
Family Bathroom
Front & Rear Garden

Turvey Guide Price £225,000

Detached Family Home
Three Bedrooms
Lounge/Diner
Downstairs Cloakroom
Front & Rear Gardens
Garage and Off Road Parking
Village Location

Newport Pagnell £215,000

Semi Detached Bungalow
Three Bedrooms
Highly Sought After Location
Refitted Kitchen
Front And Rear Gardens
Private Parking
Must View

Giffard Park £310,000

Four Bedroom Extended Detached
Lounge and Dining Room
Kitchen and Utility Dining Room/Family Room and Conservatory
Family Bathroom, Dressing Room and En suite
Front, Rear and Side Gardens

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Clothall, Baldock, Herts — *£1,950,000*

A period detached country house built, it is believed in the late 17th Century/early 18th Century and is Grade II Listed.

This property offers extensive accommodation retaining a wealth of fine original features and stands in mature gardens on a plot of **about 5.3 acres** with a tennis court and a field at the rear which could be adapted to equestrian use if required.

The accommodation includes an Entrance Hall, Reception Hall, Cloakroom, an impressive 30' open plan Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Utility room, Sitting Room, Drawing Room Dining Room, 6 Bedrooms (5 with En Suites), Bathroom, Studio, Office, Study and Cellar. There is covered parking for 4 vehicles.

Astwood — *Offers in excess of £1,250,000*

A substantial individual detached family home enjoying a prominent position in the heart of the village.

Situated on a plot of approximately 2.75 acres the property was built to a high standard with well proportioned accommodation over three floors and comprises the following: Reception Hall, Shower Room, Drawing Room, Dining Room, Sitting Room, Kitchen /Breakfast Room, Study, Three Bedroom Suites, Four Further Bedrooms, Two Bathrooms, Integral Double Garage, Landscaped Gardens, Paddock, Range of Redundant Outbuildings.

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- Outbuilding & garage
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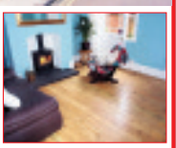
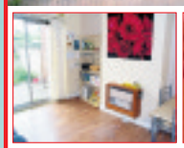
WOLVERTON £250,000



- 4 double bedrooms
- Double bay fronted End of terrace
- Separate reception rooms
- Original features
- Loft converted bedroom 4 with en-suite shower room
- Utility room
- Rear garden with garage
- Overlooking Tennis Courts

WOLVERTON £175,000



- 3 bedrooms
- 1930s semi detached
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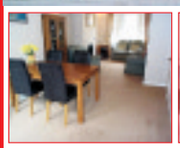

- 3 double bedrooms
- Lounge through diner
- Re-fitted kitchen
- UPVC double glazing
- Gas to radiator heating
- Front & rear gardens
- Single garage
- No upper chain

WOLVERTON £180,000

- 3 bedrooms
- Separate reception rooms
- Upstairs bathroom
- Re-fitted kitchen/breakfast room
- Utility room
- Downstairs cloakroom
- Double glazed windows
- Garage at rear

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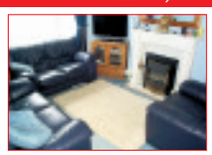

- 3 double bedrooms
- Upstairs bathroom
- Separate reception rooms
- Kitchen/breakfast room
- UPVC double glazing
- Downstairs cloakroom
- Gas to radiator heating
- Front & rear gardens
- Single garage

WOLVERTON £180,000

- 3 double bedrooms
- Overlooking the Tennis Courts
- Open fireplaces
- Lounge through diner
- Kitchen/breakfast room
- Upstairs bathroom
- Utility room
- Downstairs cloakroom
- Double glazed windows (w/s)

NEWPORT PAGNELL £147,500

- 2 double bedrooms
- UPVC double glazed conservatory
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STANTONBURY £139,995

- 3 bedrooms
- Semi detached house
- UPVC double glazing
- Lounge/diner
- Fitted wardrobes to bedroom one
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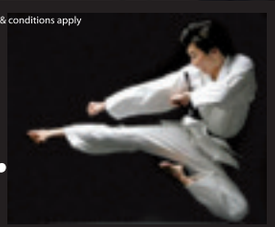

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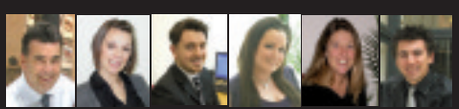

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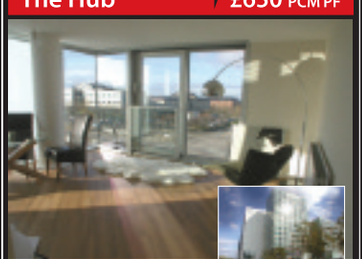

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Interview date: Tuesday, 21st June 2011.

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Closing date: *Wednesday 15th June*

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For informal enquiries please contact, Helen Rowlay on 01908 258036.
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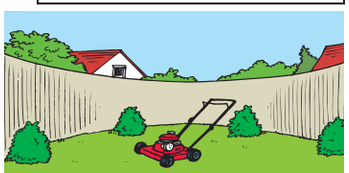

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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14(1)(a)
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Secretary of State for Transport has made an Order on the M1 Motorway in the Borough of Milton Keynes to allow for carriageway resurfacing and road marking works to be carried out in safety.

The works are expected to take place over 1 night (09:00pm to 05:00am) starting on, or after, Monday 13 June 2011.

The effect of the Order will be to close the southbound entry slip road at Junction 14 of the M1, diverting traffic via the A509/H5 Portway to A4146/V11 Tongwell Street and A421/H8 Standing Way to join the M1 Motorway southbound at Junction 13.

The closure (which will not apply to works vehicles) and diversion route will be clearly indicated by traffic signs throughout the works.

The Order will come into force on 7 June 2011 and have a maximum duration of eighteen months.

Mrs A V Middleton, An official of the Highways Agency

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2) Local government electors and their representatives also have:

i) The opportunity to question the Auditor about the accounts. The Appointed Auditor will be available for this purpose on Wednesday 20 July 2011 at Audit Commission Offices, Saxon Court, 502 Avebury Boulevard, Milton Keynes, MK9 3HS.

ii) The right to attend before the Appointed Auditor and make objections to the accounts or any items in them. Objections may relate to an item of account alleged to be contrary to law, sums which have not been brought into account or matters which could be brought to the attention of the Authority or the public. No objection to the accounts may be made unless the Auditor has previously received written notice of the proposed objection and of the grounds on which it is made. Where an elector sends notice to the Auditor, he shall at the same time send a copy of the notice to the undersigned.

3) The Appointed Auditor is Phil Sharman, District Auditor, Audit Commission, Unit 6, Isis Business Centre, Horspath Road, Cowley, Oxfordshire, OX4 2RD, and the audit will be conducted under the provisions of the Audit Commission Act 1998 and the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2011.

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Public Notices

LICENSING ACT 2003
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE / CLUB PREMISES CERTIFICATE

NOTICE is hereby given that: Committe of Friends of Middleton has applied to THE LICENSING AUTHORITY AT MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL for a PREMISES LICENCE / CLUB PREMISES CERTIFICATE At Middleton Primary School, Noon Layer Drive, Middleton, Milton Keynes, MK10 9EN.

The following licensable activities are proposed:

Provision of Films, Provision of Recorded Music, Provision of Facilities for Dancing.

Full details of the application can be viewed via The Licensing Register at the Civic Offices of the Council. This is accessible Mondays to Thursday between the hours of 9am to 5pm, and Fridays 9am to 4pm (excluding bank holidays) or online at www.mkweb.co.uk/licensing

Any interested party (such as a resident or local business) or responsible authority wishing to make representations either against or in support of the application must do so in writing by the following date: TUESDAY 21ST JUNE 2011.

To the following address: LICENSING TEAM, ENVIRONMENT DIRECTORATE, MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL, CIVIC OFFICES, 1 SAXON GATE EAST, MILTON KEYNESm MK9 3EJ, 01908 252800 email: licensing@milton-keynes.gov.uk

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NOTICE is hereby given that: Daniel Cameron has applied to THE LICENSING AUTHORITY AT MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL for a PREMISES LICENCE / CLUB PREMISES CERTIFICATE At 5 Odells Yard, Stony Stratford, Milton Keynes.

The following licensable activities are proposed during the following times:

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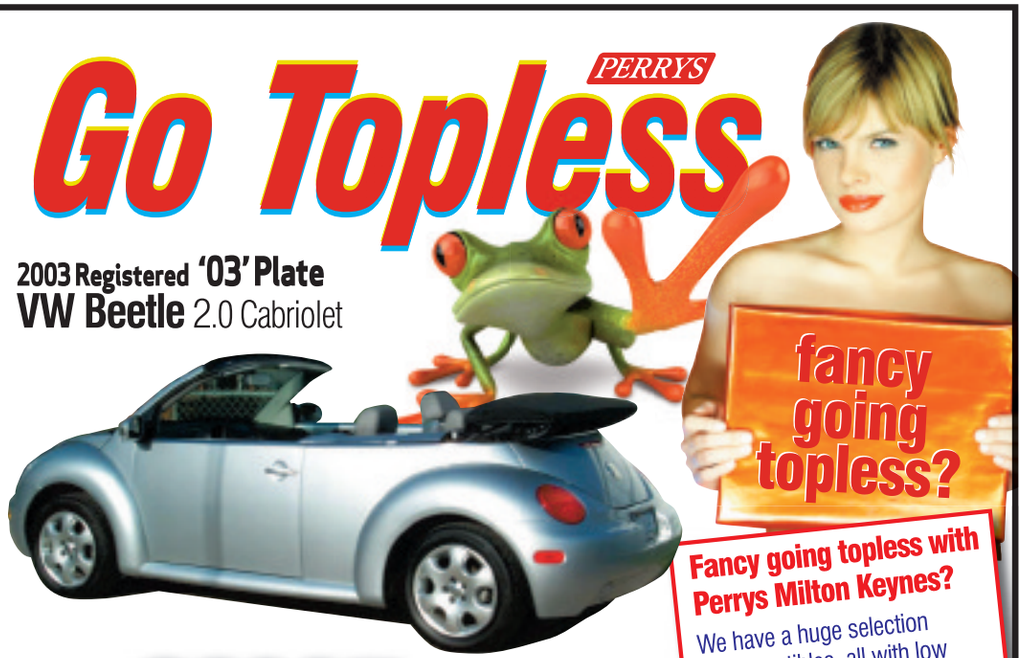

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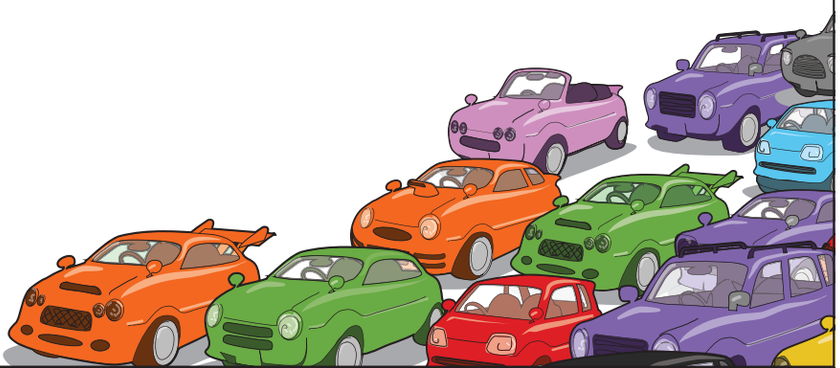

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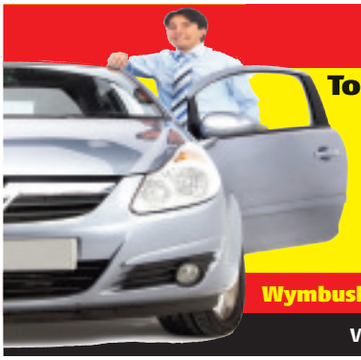

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ATHLETICS

BRITISH long jump record holder Greg Rutherford claimed a bronze medal at the Fanny Blankers-Koen Games in the Netherlands with a leap of 8.18 metres.

The Marshall Milton Keynes Athletics Club member came in behind Panama's Irving Saladino and Ghana's Ignisious Gaisah at the event in Hengelo.

He admitted to struggling with his run-up due to the strong winds and said that 8.18 metres represented an "okay day".

Rutherford is now hoping for some longer jumps and has stated that there is "much more in the tank".

WOMEN'S FOOTBALL

THE MK Dons Girls Centre of Excellence will be holding open trials next week to try and unearth some stars of the future.

On Sunday an open age trial will be held at the club's training ground at Woughton on the Green, between 11am and 2pm.

Trials for under 9s, under 11s, under 13s, under 15s and under 17s will then be held throughout the week.

Club coaches will run the rule over all the hopefuls with those successful asked back for a second trial.

For more information, visit www.mkdonsset.com/girls.

BADMINTON

ENGLAND'S badminton stars exited the Sudirman Cup at the first stage after suffering back to back defeats.

A squad of players based at the National Centre in the city travelled to Qingdao in China for the biannual event, which is one of the most prestigious tournaments in the sport.

Matches are the best of five and feature singles and doubles for both men and women, as well as mixed doubles.

England, featuring Nathan Robertson, Jenny Wallwork and Rajiv Ouseph in their ranks, slumped to a 5-0 defeat to Denmark in the opening game of the three team group.

Things didn't get much better in the second game either, which was lost 4-1 to South Korea.

Ouseph provided the team's only point with one of the best wins of his career against world number nine Park Sung Hwan.

His 25-23 21-16 success briefly levelled the tie but England were unable to stop the Korean charge.

GOLF

IAN POULTER tried his hand at a new type of golf on Monday, and came away as the leading male player.

The Woburn Sands pro, recently crowned as World Match Play Champion, was one of a number of top names who took part in the first ever PowerPlay Golf event at Celtic Manor in Wales.

Dubbed the Twenty20 of golf, PowerPlay is contested over nine holes with two flags, one hidden in a much harder position.

A points system is used with greater rewards on offer if you hole at the trickier flag.

Poulter claimed 27 points but female star Caroline Hedwall won the event with 32.

Lovely bubbly: Sebastian Vettel shares his Champagne with the Red Bull pit crew after winning in Monaco

Tyre gamble pays off for unstoppable Vettel

F1 RACING

THERE'S just no stopping Red Bull's World Champ Sebastian Vettel at the moment.

The German won a thrilling Monaco Grand Prix on Sunday and with closest rival Lewis Hamilton finishing sixth, his lead at the top of the F1 standings has been stretched to a massive 58-points.

It was Vettel's fifth win in six races, another from pole position, and it came after a mistake at his first pit-stop.

A mix-up saw him return to the famous street track with hard tyres after a lengthy delay, and it was decided that he should try and complete the race with the same rubber.

With 20 laps to go Vettel had to be at the top of his game defensively to hold off challengers Fernando Alonso and Jenson Button, who both had fresher tyres, until a big crash on lap 69 gave Red Bull a huge slice of luck.

Hamilton, Vitaly Petrov, Jaime Alguersuari and Adrian Sutil were all involved and the safety car was called onto the track for the second time.

Vettel was able to start again with new tyres and nobody could get near him as he comfortably negotiated the final laps to claim his maiden Monaco win.

All smiles: Sebastian Vettel

The German, who had driven for more than 50 laps with the same rubber, would have needed to be at his very best to hold off Alonso and Button if the safety car hadn't intervened.

Afterwards, the understandably thrilled driver described the Grand Prix as a 'crazy race'.

He said: "It's difficult to imagine you can one-stop at this race, but that's more or less what we did.

"The safety car helped us, but it was no walk in the park to do roughly 60 laps on the same set of tyres.

"Towards the end of the race the tyres I had were nowhere close to fresh but I saw the only way to win the race was to stay out.

"It would have been a difficult final six laps, but there was another safety car and a suspended race, so we were able to change the tyres."

Vettel, who was 15 seconds behind Button at one stage, admitted that at one point victory seemed a long way off.

He said: "I think the roulette wheel was spun last night and kept on spinning during this race.

"It's a fantastic result and it's a huge honour to put my name on the list of Monaco race winners."

Team Principal Christian Horner said Vettel's drive was "phenomenal".

"He had an awfully long way to go on the harder tyre, which he made work," Horner said.

"He soaked up huge pressure from Fernando and Jenson, it was a classy drive from Sebastian."

Horner added that the pit stop error was down to a "communication problem".

Both Vettel and team mate Mark Webber responded to Button's 15th lap stop by coming in themselves, but the Red Bull team were not ready, and Vettel dropped behind Button.

Australian Webber was forced to wait even longer and fell back to 15th, although he did later recover to claim fourth place.

Horner said: "It delayed Sebastian, but we managed to re-adjust our strategy.

"We didn't panic and managed to engineer ourselves out of the situation to get him back into the lead.

"It was a tremendous team performance to recover from what looked to be a difficult first stop to win the race."

Webber started second on the grid but lost ground at the start, and remains third in the drivers' standings behind Vettel and Hamilton.

He said: "When I arrived in the pits we didn't have any tyres out, I arrived and sat there, but the boys were still getting them ready.

"There was a radio communication problem within the team and so they weren't properly prepared.

"When you wait here, you lose track position and you have to wait behind people, so it was not bad to get fourth from there."

Red Bull now lead the Constructors Championship by 61 points.

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LOCAL CRICKET

MORRANTS FOUR COUNTIES LEAGUE

Division One

NORTH Crawley remain top of the pile after a 33-run success over Newport Pagnell.

The leaders were put into bat and Sam Howe (32) and Alex Walker (30) top scored in their total of 157.

Mick Page made 56 in Newport's response but his side were dismissed for 124, Richard Bryce starring with the ball, taking 4/17.

Second place Milton Keynes City have a game in hand on North Crawley and maintained their perfect start to the season by beating Eaton Bray by 138 runs.

Eaton put City into bat and Jason Loveland (66) and Andrew John (59) laid the foundations in a competitive total of 251/9.

Wes Hocking hit 44 in reply but the chase never got going as figures of 3/18 by Iqbal John helped City dismiss their opponents for 113.

Alan Quelch hit a superb 119 as New Bradwell demolished Milton Keynes by 173 runs.

Their total of 258 was too much for MK who collapsed to 85 all out, Shaz Mohammed ripping through the order with 6/26.

Andrew Griffin and Stuart Keeping hit half centuries as Olney posted 224 against Biddenham, but it wasn't enough as Adam Perkins blasted 90 to see his side home by six wickets.

In the final match of the league Elstow beat bottom club Studham by nine wickets.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE CRICKET LEAGUE

Premier Division

STONY Stratford were beaten by six wickets by Finedon Dolben, despite the best efforts of Sharn Gomes.

The opener hit a superb unbeaten 101, almost half of Stony's total of 207, with the next top score being Ian Sandbrook's 33.

Finedon reached the target after 44 overs with the loss of just four wickets, Bradley Kruger finishing unbeaten on 62.

CHERWELL LEAGUE

Division One

BLETCHLEY Town halted their losing streak with a six wicket home win over Great & Little Tew.

The hosts dismissed their visitors for just 120 with Saxon Wright, James Sprittles and Mark Roberts all chipping in with three wickets each. Sprittles finished unbeaten on 58 as Bletchley comfortably chased down the target.

COMPETITION

Win a t20 season ticket to watch the Steelbacks

MK NEWS has teamed up with the Northamptonshire Steelbacks to give readers the chance to win a t20 Season Ticket which entitles the holder to entry to every one of the Steelbacks' eight home Friends Life t20 group matches at the County Ground or Campbell Park this season.

The Steelbacks are seen as the competition's dark horses and with international stars such as Johan Botha, Andrew Hall and Chaminda Vaas, as well as young English talent like Jack Brooks, Alex Wakely and David Willey, the Steelbacks are the team to watch.

For your chance to win, simply answer the following question: What is the name of the current Steelbacks coach?

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Editor's decision is final.

The winner will be the first correct entry drawn after the closing date and must be 16 or over.

The prize is non-transferable and there is no cash alternative.

Indy win for Emberton driver

MOTOR RACING

DAN Wheldon won the iconic Indy 500 race for the second time in his career after a remarkable finish at the famous Indianapolis Motor Speedway on Sunday.

The Emberton-born driver was second going into the final bend of the marathon race but leader JR Hildebrand crashed into the barriers, allowing Wheldon to sneak in front to claim victory on the line.

He first won the marathon race, which consists of 200 laps of the oval circuit, in 2005 and finished as runner up in the last two years.

Thirty-two-year-old Wheldon signed a one race deal with Bryan Herta Autosport before the 500 mile spectacle, which was held this year for the 100th time.

Victory salute: Dan Wheldon

The race was amazingly his first of the IndyCar season but the final outcome couldn't have been better for him.

He said: "I'm going to soak in every moment. Indianapolis is so special to me, it's defined my career, and to be a two-time winner at such a special year is just absolutely phenomenal.

"I don't think I'm supposed to do this right now as I'm a part-timer, my contract expired at midnight after the race."

Wheldon has become the first driver to win the race without leading a single lap, thanks to Hildebrand's disastrous finish.

The American was driving in his first Indy 500 and came around the final bend too high, meaning contact with the wall was inevitable.

He was just yards from the chequered flag and one of the most coveted prizes in motorsport, but Wheldon knew that nothing was for certain until a car crossed over the finish line.

"With this race, you just never know what can happen so you stay focused until the end," he said.

"I just kept going, as in this race it doesn't matter until you've crossed that yard of bricks for the final time."

Local players are the future according to Dons boss

FOOTBALL

AN MK Dons team with home-grown players at its heart.

That's the vision of manager Karl Robinson who is fully committed to bringing the cream of the city's talent through to the first team.

Director of Youth Football Mike Dove is the man charged with nurturing the Dons of the future, and it's a task he seems to relish.

He said: "Karl has said that it's his dream to get at least six local boys into his side on a regular basis.

"We want to showcase our youngsters to the local community to show that talent is coming through."

At present, about 80 per cent of the players involved in the youth set-up are from the Milton Keynes area.

What they could go onto achieve was highlighted when the Dons travelled to Oldham on the final day of the season, as six Academy products finished on the pitch.

A picture of those players, Sam Baldock, George Baldock, Dan Powell, Tom Flanagan, Adam Chicksen and Charlie Collins, was taken after the game, and it will now be put up in the office so other young players can see what is possible.

Dove said: "It's like a family photo.

"We're going to get it on canvas and put it in the office, as that's an inspiration when people see that."

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Balanta top summer target for Dons boss

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FAMILIAR faces could return to stadiummk over the summer as the Dons prepare to mount another promotion challenge.

The heartbreak of the play-off semi-final defeat to Peterborough is still fresh in the memory but plans for the new campaign are already being laid as the club aims to vanish the hurt of the aggregate defeat to the eventual winning finalists.

A number of loan signings were utilised by boss Karl Robinson this season and it seems likely that attempts could be made to bring some of the players back on permanent deals in the coming weeks.

Angelo Balanta will be one such target as the manager has made no secret of his desire to keep the exciting winger at the club next season.

The Colombian quickly became a fan favourite when he joined on-loan from QPR in July, but he went on to miss a large chunk of the campaign after picking up a serious ankle injury against Brentford in November.

Robinson has previously said he will do everything in his power to ensure Balanta plays at stadiummk next season, and has described the 20-year-old as a 'match winner'.

His future at QPR currently remains unclear following the London club's promotion to the Premier League.

Another potential target is striker Rowan Vine, who also joined Dons on loan from QPR this term.

He made 17 appearances for the club, five from the bench, and got on the scoresheet once in a 4-1 victory away at Rochdale.

Vine is not part of QPR boss Neil Warnock's plans for the top flight next season but may hold out for a Championship club instead of dropping into League One.

However, the 28-year-old enjoyed his time at stadiummk and worked for the media at the club's matches when his loan deal finished, so he could be an option for Robinson.

Scot Michael McIndoe is also available for transfer after being released by Coventry City at the end of the season.

The former Bristol City man made eight on-loan appearances for the Dons and could come in to bolster the club's midfield, although his wages may prove to be a stumbling block.

Meanwhile, Keanu Marsh-Brown also impressed Robinson during his loan spell from Fulham.

He agreed a one-month deal shortly before the January transfer window closed, and this was extended until the end of the season a month later.

Marsh-Brown made 19 appearances for the club, finding the net against Oldham and Brentford.

Boss Robinson is hoping to sign Angelo Balanta, *right*

One out, three in at Lightning

THREE more players have signed on for MK Lightning ahead of the new season and one more is heading for the exit doors.

Defencemen Lewis Christie, Ross Green and Leigh Jamieson will stay in Milton Keynes but 18-year-old forward Jacob Heron has decided to search for another club.

Christie, 21, signed for Lightning in 2008 and said the team spirit at Planet Ice made putting pen to paper an easy decision.

He said: "I'm really looking forward to being a part of a strong, competitive team again. Everyone is completely focused on winning trophies."

Nineteen-year-old Green has spent his whole career with the Lightning, progressing through the ranks until his first full season in 2009/10.

Recently named as Most Improved Player, he is now looking forward to another campaign.

"I feel this is the best place for me to continue my hockey development," he said. "I'm sure we'll be challenging for silverware again after coming so close in Coventry this year."

Milton Keynes-born Jamieson will switch positions for the new season - moving from defence to attack.

He said: "I'm looking forward to the new challenge of playing as a forward, and helping bring some silverware home.

"I know we didn't have as successful a year last season as we'd hoped, but we'll learn from our mistakes and come back stronger next year."

Player-coach Nick Poole was delighted to have the trio back on board.

He said: "Lewis is an absolute rock for us in defence and is someone we always want playing against other teams' top lines.

"Ross has a massive season ahead of him which will see him be a key player on our side, and Leigh's move to playing as a forward will be a massive boost for us.

"I know he'll cause endless problems to defenders around the league."

Heron has cited a lack of ice time as his reason to hunt for another club.

LIZARRAN *History*

Mateo Ferrero, an entrepreneurial young man from Leon, put his trust in cuisine from the North of Spain due to his love for its culinary tradition.

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Tapas and Pintxos Story

These small pieces of traditional food are thought to have been given the name 'tapas' when King Alfonso XIII was making an official visit to the city of Cádiz. He stopped to have a rest at 'El Centorrillo del Chato' when a strong gust of wind 'endangered' his cup. The owner of the bar decided to put a slice of Iberian ham on the top of the cup. The King asked, "What is that for?" and the barman answered, "It is a 'tapa' (cover) so that the dust doesn´t go into your cup." The King liked the idea so had a few more. Soon, the invention of the tapa became very common in Southern and Central Spain; slices of bread with ham, chorizo, caña de lomo (cured pork loin) or cheese were served with drinks, to avoid insects and dust ruining the beverage.
It was the restaurant 'La Espiga', close to La Concha Beach, that first served tapas. But they weren´t pieces of bread with ham or cheese anymore - they had become small dishes of typical vasque food, made with fine ingredients and served with a small stick or 'pintxo' to eat them with, hence the now familiar term 'pintxos'.

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